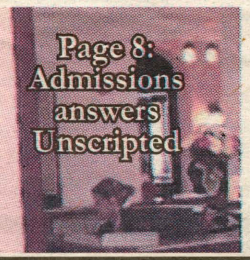

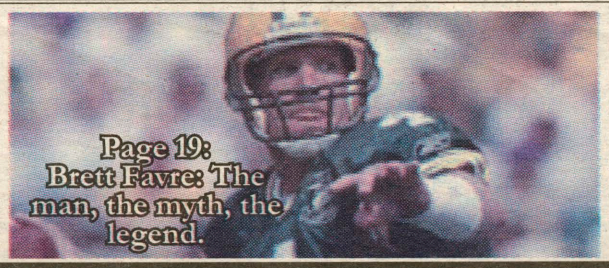

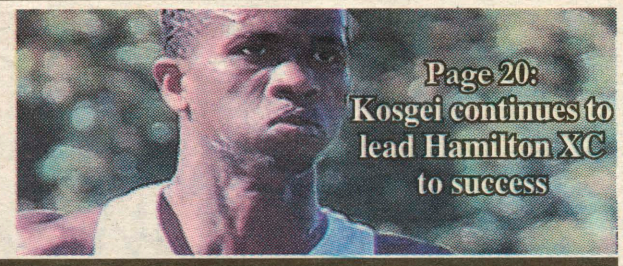

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SJI Coffee Hour

Students Demand Change, Not Support

by Mallory Reed '10
News Writer

Support from the administration for victims of intolerance and hatred will no longer suffice- the Hamilton Community is demanding action. On October 18, students, faculty, and administrators attended a Coffee Hour hosted by the student-run Social Justice Initiative in response to chronic acts of racism, sexism, and homophobia on the Hamilton campus. According to SJI leader Robyn Gibson '10, the goal of the Coffee Hour was to "get out concrete things we can do" to make Hamilton a more comfortable and welcoming place for all members of the community.

Thursday's Coffee Hour was spurred by community outrage at a racial slur that was written on a student's car and the administration's delayed and insufficient response. Even though campus sentiment against this specific act of hatred has been strong, Abdel Abdelghany '10 said, "This is not an isolated incident and it continues to happen each and every day." He added, "So many acts are not heard and go unreported."

Abdelghany and other students in attendance voiced dissatisfaction over President Stewart's e-mail that was sent nearly two weeks after students reported the racist graffiti to Campus Safety. Many said that e-mail was not only delayed and insufficient in length, but it called for support rather than action. Mark Ramos '09 echoed popular sentiment for as he said, "We need a proactive response to address issues on campus right now."

Members of the SJI believe that the administration's lack of interest and sensitivity to diversity issues is apparent in the Afro-Latin Cultural Center building. The SJI leaders decided to hold the Coffee Hour in the small and run-down ALCC to make a statement that the meeting room could not contain the large number of students, faculty, and administrators in attendance. According to Stephanie Tafur '10, although Hamilton prides itself on its commitment to expanding diversity, the space where many student diversity organizations meet is small and its upkeep is largely ignored by the administration. Tafur said, "Inequality on campus is shown through facilities such as the ALCC."

After successfully illustrating the inadequacy of the ALCC, the SJI Coffee Hour moved across the street to ELS. Students in attendance represented multiple organizations such as the Black Student Union, La Vanguardia, the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Board, the Womyn's Center, and the West Indian and African Association. Professors hailed from a wide array of departments such as Comparative Literature, Sociology, and Africana Studies. Faculty represented the Alumni Office, Campus Safety, Student Activities and more. Administrators turned out in nearly full force.

Professor of Classics and Africana Studies and Director of the Africana Studies Program Shelley Halley said that acts of hatred at Hamilton are not just among the student body. As she has experienced racism and gender discrimination from students, faculty, and administrators, she revealed, "It's an institutional problem. It's everybody."

Participants in the Coffee Hour agreed that change also has to be institutionalized. Many students agreed that there is too much pressure on the student body and not enough aid from the administration in encouraging an open environment on campus. The students believe that like the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Board, there needs to be a Social Justice Board to address and penalize acts of hatred on campus. While there has been discussion about possible collaboration between students and administrators in regards to diversity issues, organizations such as the Social Justice Initiative, the Womyn's Center, and the Black Student Union are still mainly student run. Grace Dobbyn '08 voiced popular student concern when she said "There needs to be more institutional funding and action so its not the responsibility of students to make change happen." Many students such as Leide Cabral '10 said that there is only so much they can do with the commitments of classes and extra-curriculars and that change "can't be all on the backs of students."

Students, faculty, and administrators discussed options such as expanding diversity workshops during First-year orientation, widening curricular options in the realm of issues of diversity, and Residential Life programs to encourage tolerance and sensitivity. Many agreed with Raphael Rosa '10 who said that one-time programs

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PHOTO BY LAURA RADLINSKI '10

Professor of Philosophy Todd Franklin addresses the Social Injustice Coffee Hour.

Hamilton Students Protest Against the U.S. Death Penalty

by Chelsea Mann '09
News Writer

On October 10, 2007, a hush fell over the lunch crowd at Commons and McEwen as members of Amnesty International, the Social Justice Initiative, and the Action Forum shouted statistics and chained students to the rock swing in political support of the World Day Against the Death Penalty. This was the first campus-wide anti-death penalty event held on the Hamilton College campus.

In Commons, activist members stood on chairs and blew whistles to signal the beginning of their chants of statistics and poem verses. "What percentage of district attorneys in death penalty states are white?" cried activist members standing on the left balcony. "98 percent!" replied those standing on the balcony to the right in unison (deathpenaltyinfo.org). The members ended these calls and responses of statistics by reciting Pastor Martin Niemöller's poem, "First They Came for the Jews."

McEwen was also bustling with political activity during lunchtime. Students seated at the

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Hamilton Takes to the Lake

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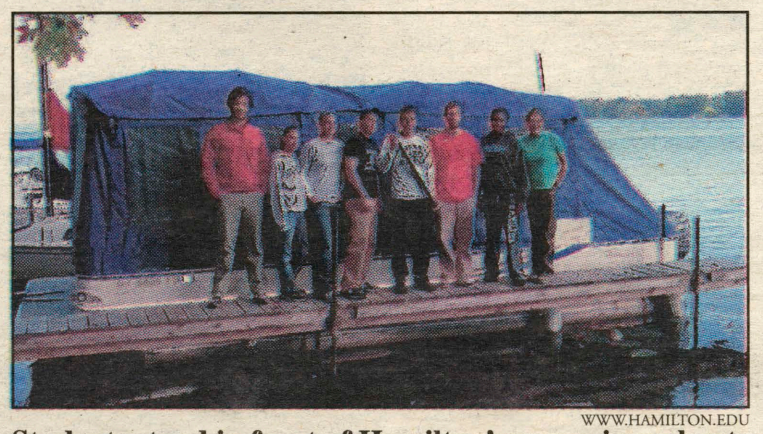

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Students stand in front of Hamilton's new science boat.

Hamilton College students pursuing projects in Geosciences and Environmental Science got a big boost last week with the purchase of a new research vessel for work and study on Oneida Lake. The boat contains state of the art navigation and echo-sounding gear that can located position and depth to within two centimeters. The boat received a core derrick for extracting geological samples of the lakebed from the New York State DEC.

The boat will allow students to continue summer research projects during the school year. Specifically, the boat will run from April through November, ice conditions permitting. The boat can become completely enclosed if necessary and the scientific instruments are equipped to deal with low temperatures. Previously, the College would charter boats from the Oneida Lake Marina for research projects, but the boats were only available from Memorial Day to Labor Day, effectively eliminating research during the fall and spring semesters.

Professor of Geosciences Eugene Domack explains that the boat, which cost about $30,000, was a good investment.

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Hamilton Women Attend Induction Ceremony

by Mallory Reed '10
News Writer

Ginger Spice would be proud. As a group of Hamilton Students teamed up with two Kirkland Alumni for the National Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the pop star's motto of "Girl Power" echoed from Kirkland of the 1970's to Hamilton 2007 and from Clinton, NY to Seneca Falls, NY.

On October 7, alumnae Cassandra Harris-Lockwood K'74 and Wendy Morris K'77 traveled with six Hamilton women to Seneca Falls for the ceremony. The next day, Harris-Lockwood, Morris, and Dean of Students Nancy Thompson enjoyed lunch with president of the National Women's Hall of Fame Barbara DeBaptiste on the Hamilton campus in McEwen dining hall.

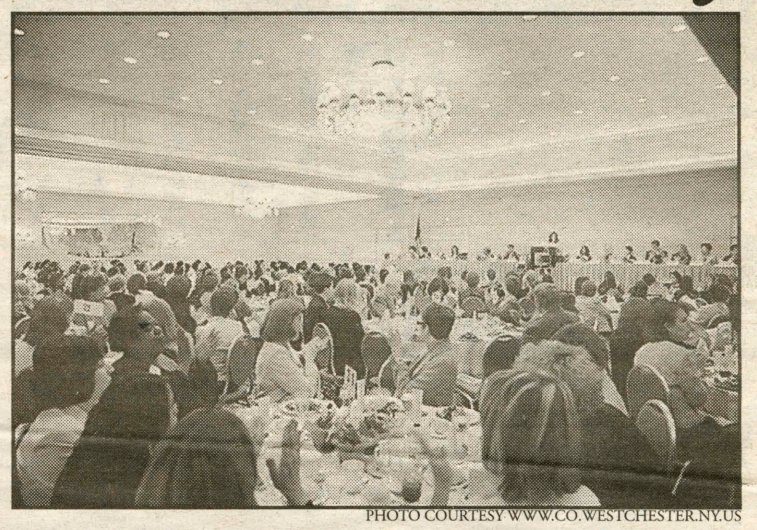
Harris-Lockwood, Morris, and seven students including Emily Anderer '10, Corinne Bancroft '10, Kazarae Lowe '10, Zeynep Harezi '10, Melanie Leeds '08, Mallory Reed '10, and Amy Tannenbaum '10 rolled up VIP-style to the National Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in a stretch Hummer limo funded by the Kirkland alumnae. The Induction Ceremony was organized to celebrate the achievements of all women, but especially the nine inductees in the Women's Hall of Fame. As the Hamilton Students enjoyed lunch, they met U.S Congressmen Michael Acruri for New York's 24th Congressional district, and President DeBaptiste, among many other powerful women and men.

Various speakers highlighted the achievements of the National Women's Hall of Fame and the new inductees. 1994 Inductee Helen LaKelly Hunt opened the ceremony by stating that "the Hall of Fame exists to create a home for stories of great women" starting with the women and abolitionists who created the women's movement to today as "women are working on a global scale in unprecedented ways."

Although the Hamilton group did not stay for the entire ceremony, they heard acceptance speeches from several inductees. In her acceptance speech, Inductee Eleanor K. Baum, the first female engineer to be named dean of an engineering college in the United States, gave the audience an important piece of advice. Speaking about her radical career choice for a woman, she said, "If you want something, go for it."

On the way back to campus, Harris-Lockwood spoke about a time when women could not wear pants and "you went to college to get a good husband." Morris agreed when Harris-Lockwood said the goal of the Kirkland alumnae-sponsored trip to the Induction Ceremony was "to connect with the current women on the Hamilton Campus" and to "pass on the energy of Kirkland College." As a member of the charter class at Kirkland, Harris-Lockwood remembered "being on the ground floor of something as awesome as starting a college." She said, "It gave me the courage to know that I can start something."

After listening to the inductees speeches and speaking with Harris-Lockwood and Morris, the Hamilton students who attended the induction ceremony voiced feelings of inspiration. Emily Anderer said, "We've come so far as women but there is still a lot left to do." Amy Tannenbaum added, "What I really got from the women's speeches was that you can improve the status of women in the world just by working towards your own potential and showing the world what women can accomplish." she added, "We're on the brink of something huge."



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Seven students & two Kirkland alumni attended the ceremony.

The discussion continued the next day as President of the National Women's Hall of Fame Barbara DeBaptiste came to Hamilton for a tour of the campus and lunch with several Hamilton women, Harris-Lockwood, Morris, and Dean Thompson. DeBaptise was interested in stimulating a dialogue among the women about their experience at the Induction Ceremony and their experiences at Hamilton. She wanted to hear from each woman and said, "Power is in the conversation. Every conversation is a collaboration."

DeBaptiste spoke about her activist past as an educator, mentor, resource person, visionary and advocate for children and women's concerns. She said, "I am a pioneer. My mission is to make the world a better place." She added, "I see women changing and taking over the world." When asked about her opinions of Hamilton, DeBaptiste said, "I see women who are very determined. I am pleased about the clarity of desire to work together." She added, "Our future generation is here."

Organizations Rally Against The Death Penalty

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tables surrounding the rock swing neglected to touch their food as they watched activist members blindfold, gag, and chain two students to the rock. Member of Amnesty International Amy Tannenbaum '10 got the idea to incorporate the rock into the protest rally at McEwen by watching a political performance put on last year by the sophomore seminar class Performing Politics. "I remember walking by the class performance and being really impressed by the way they used theatre to express political views" Tannenbaum exclaimed. "I decided to do the same with our rally, chaining students to the rock to represent the inhumane treatment of prisoners."

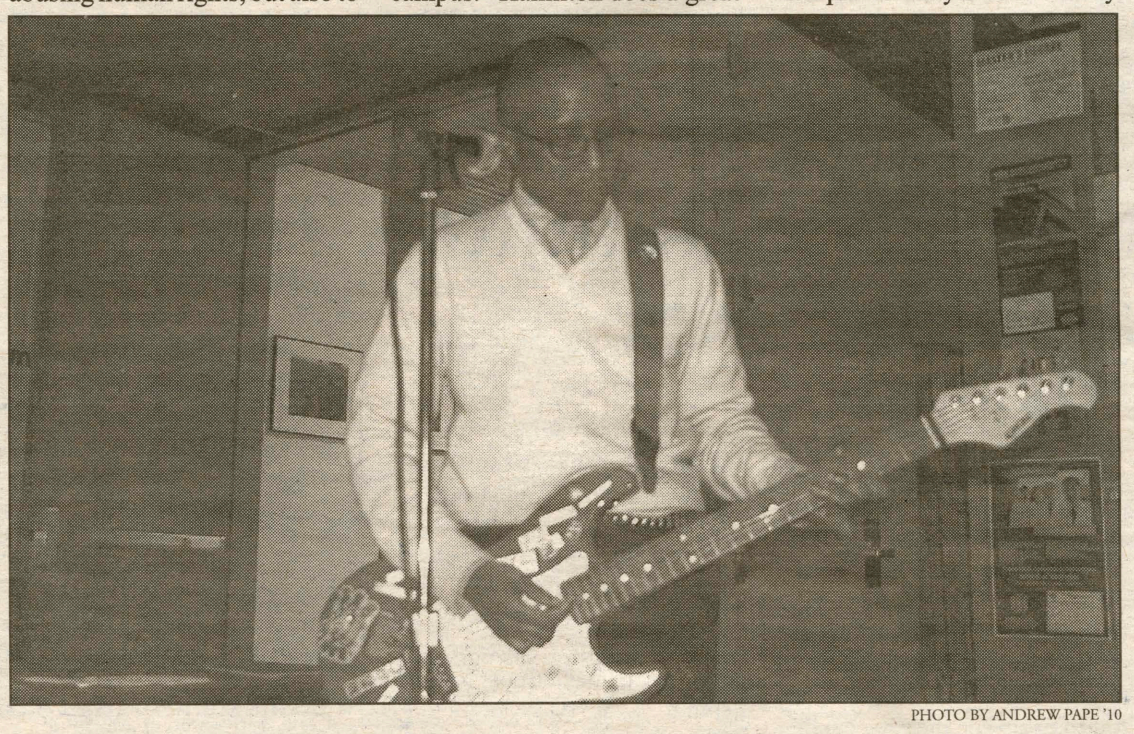
As students were incarcerated to the rock, Tannenbaum recited poems written by inmates on Death Row while Jack Hicks '09 played songs on his guitar. Once members finished chaining, they left it up to the students to volunteer to untie the two chained to the rock swing. Students' release of the prisoners represented the students' goal of the rally—to liberate.

After the political demonstrations at Commons and McEwen ended, many students continued to wear t-shirts on which they had taped statistics about the death penalty that activist groups had sent them the night before. Members had sent out all-campus emails containing statistics obtained from Christopher Hartney's fact sheet: US Rates of Incarceration: A Global Perspective. For example, 80% of the victims in death penalty cases are white and that an African American is three times more likely to be behind bars than in a college dorm.

Student activist members contend that students are generally unaware of the injustices of the legal system. "Our goal was not only to get a large number of people to sign the petition demanding governments to stop abusing human rights, but also to raise awareness about the global struggle to abolish the death penalty," said President of Amnesty International Erica Dressler '09. According to Tannenbaum, students are ignorant of the injustices of the legal system because they fail to educate themselves about the situation at hand. "At Hamilton, a lot of people don't read the newspaper and don't get enough information about things going on in the world," Tannenbaum remarked.

Member of the Social Justice Initiative Corinne Bancroft '10 believes that students are ignorant to more than simply injustice abroad and in other states—they neglect to consider the discrimination evident on our very own campus. "Hamilton does a great job of recruiting a diverse group of people," Bancroft said, "but not so much when it comes to supporting diversity after students have been admitted." She pointed to the dilapidated Afro-Latin Cultural Center building as evidence of the lack of support for diversity organizations. Tannenbaum remarked that Bonapettit demonstrates a "very subtle discrimination" with regard to the kinds of foods they offer. "We have so many Muslims and Jews on campus and yet there's no halal or kosher food in the cafeteria," she complained.

Despite these issues, Bancroft and Tannenbuam remain hopeful that positive change will soon be in effect. The success of their protest rally on Wednesday was certainly a step in the right direction. "Our goal was to make people more aware of the horrible injustices occurring in our legal system—to make them realize that the laws are structured in a way that targets racial minorities," Bancroft said. "We succeeded because we managed to start conversations about these issues—it was wonderful." Tannenbaum added that "even if we just changed five people's minds, we succeeded if we made them think about [the death penalty and legal system] in a new way."



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Jack Hicks '09 played guitar while students read poems by death row inmates.

In addition to seeing the legal system in a new light, what can students do to make a difference? "Keep up with the news and hang out with people who are different form you," suggested Tannenbaum. Bancroft encourages students to come to the Social Justice Initiative every other Wednesday at 4:30 in Café Opus 1, to write to their senators, or to sign online petitions. By joining groups like Amnesty International, students can gain satisfaction from actually helping to liberate prisoners. Last year, the Amnesty chapter for Hamilton's region did just that. Amnesty International, along with other groups from the area, sent letters to Ethiopian officials demanding the release of their specific focus case Mesfin Woldemariam, an Ethiopian Human Rights Council Professor. On July 20, 2007, Woldemariam and thirty-eight other Ethiopian human rights defenders and journalists were released.

"You can graduate from Hamilton without ever realizing the reality of our justice system," Tannenbaum said. With organizations like Amnesty International, the Social Justice Initiative, and the Action Forum more active than ever on campus, this will most likely never be the case for current students at Hamilton. They will remain informed of the truth.

PHOTO BY LAURA RADLINSKI '10

Fallfest Fosters Community Bond

by Alicia Wright '10
News Writer

On the afternoon of October 7, students made their way down the Hill to attend Hamilton's sixth annual Fallfest celebration in the village of Clinton. Against the backdrop of sunny weather and the beautiful scenery of changing leaves, the event seemed to be in the perfect time and place.

Hamilton sponsors Fallfest each year to promote interaction between students and the townspeople of Clinton. This year the event was organized by the Social Traditions Committee, headed by co-chairs Alison Gaston-Enholm'09 and Katie Childs '08, and it was supported by the Student Assembly, the Office of the President, and the Clinton Chamber of Commerce. The entire event, including the food, games, and entertainment, was free for the entire community.

Fallfest featured a tantalizing array of mouthwatering food. Fall-themed treats like pumpkin pie, candied apples, corn chowder, Cider Mill donuts, and cider were served. The food disappeared quickly, but Bon Apetit donated extra food so that no one left with an empty stomach.

While eating, a large number of student groups treated attendees to special performances. The Buffers, the Hamiltones, and Special K provided live a cappella music, while HEAT, Tropical Sol, Finesse, and Panza Bellydancers presented a varied range of dance routines. There were also martial arts demonstrations by Tae Kwon Do and Capoeira.

Also featured were a large number of booths hosted by Hamilton organizations, such as fraternities, sororities, HAVOC, and Hogwarts at Hamilton. At each booth, children had the opportunity to participate in some sort of activity, whether it was decorating trick-or-treat bags for Halloween, making apple prints, getting their faces painted, or playing games. They also received goodies such as balloons.

Overall, the event was a great success—such a great success, in fact, that even people outside of Clinton took notice. "We were pleased to attract both the Utica OD as well as a local news station," said Gaston-Enholm. She gave credit to the student participants for the good results and said that "the committee really appreciated the large support from societies and organizations with running activities for the children." Katie Childs agreed and stated, "the event would not have been nearly as successful if it weren't for [their] involvement."

Ultimately, Fallfest has proven to be a good way for Hamilton to interact with and learn more about its hometown of Clinton. Hopefully, the tradition will continue long into the future.

Congradulations to Phi Beta Kappa's new members from the senior class!

Marco Alberto Allodi
Kristin Suzanne Alongi
Kate Elizabeth Berlent
Daniel LawrenceCampbell
Katharine Ruth Hottenstein
Jonathan David Millhauser
Thao Nguyen Thi Nguyen
Nathan Luc Vandergrift
Magdalena Maria Wierzbicka
Sarah Keller Wissel

HALT Devoted to Serving Hamilton After Graduation

by Murtaza Jafri '08
News Writer

Fallcoming weekend was an opportunity for alumni to reconnect with their Hamilton experience and plan for the future. It also served as an opportunity for the leadership of this cohort, the Alumni Council, to impart their advice to the next generation of alumni leaders.

The Hamilton Alumni Leadership Training (HALT) committee, a group of seniors interested in serving the College after graduation, held a joint meeting with the Executive Committee of the Alumni Council at the Bristol Hub. The purpose of the meeting was to gain perspective on the role of alumni through the lens of the volunteer leadership of the Council. Additionally, HALT sought to draw upon the Council's collective alumni experience to determine the best way that young graduates can serve Hamilton in order to encourage other members of the senior class to be a part of the Alumni Association.

HALT is a six-year-old organization for seniors who actively want to continue their involvement with the College as soon-to-be alums. As the HALT mission statement succinctly states, the purpose of HALT is "to learn how to give back to the Hill." The Executive Committee of the Alumni Council is comprised of six alumni leaders who represent the various constituencies of the 246-member Council: Regional Affairs, Multicultural Alumni Relations, Nominations, Class Leadership and the GOLD Group.

Mark Rice '73, Parent'01,'06, President of the Alumni Association and Chair of the Alumni Council, delivered an uplifting talk on his personal post-graduate involvement with Hamilton and how to maintain a connection with Hamilton. Frank Vlossak '89, the Regional Affairs Committee Chair, quoted Woody Allen: "Half of life is just showing up." Wherever we find ourselves after graduation, we should actively engage with the local Hamilton Alumni Association chapter (which span the globe) and attend locally organized alumni events. Frank also encouraged us to keep in touch with our classmates and come back to the Hill for Reunions (always the first weekend in June) and other on-campus events (like Fallcoming weekend).

The meeting focused on a theme of how to encourage other members of the graduating class to contribute to Hamilton. Giving back to Hamilton involves more than just time; a large part is giving back financially. Hamilton's ability to innovate and fund scholarships and new projects (like the Fitness Center and KJ) relies on the generosity of alumni, parents and friends. For better of worse, each Hamilton alumnus has a life long relationship with the College, which includes the expectation that we, as future Alums, will honor that commitment with our time, participation, and resources.

Going forward, a significant challenge for the Alumni Association will be to sustain and increase engagement within the Graduates Of the Last Decade (the GOLD Group). In light of this, the Alumni Council voted to create a special Ad-Hoc Committee on GOLD Group Engagement. Coinciding with this new Committee, an exciting endeavor arose from this initiative : "GOLD Scholars." This is explained in further detail on the Hamilton website: "With each $15,000 collectively contributed by the GOLD Group, the College selects students as GOLD Scholars based on two criteria: financial need and their demonstrated ability to perform to the highest Hamilton standards, both in and out of the classroom. As a direct result of young alumni generosity, GOLD Scholars have the benefit of experiencing life on the Hill."

For seniors, the opportunity to ensure our legacy already exists through the Senior Gift in The Class of 2008 Environmental Endowment Fund, which will stand as a permanent mark on the fabric of campus in honor of 2008.

When we're all fresh out of college, most of us will not be able to give a building or name a scholarship at Hamilton (though if you're interested, please contact the Alumni Office), but the mere act of giving is significant in itself. It clearly demonstrates that despite our differences and our varying paths, we are united through Hamilton. We, as future Alums, share a unique bond.

As part of an ongoing effort, the HALT Committee will be writing regular articles for the Spectator and other campus publications to help spread the word about what's going to happen after graduation and how students can stay active in the life of the College once they become alumni. If you have any questions about HALT, please direct them to Co-Chairs Amy Brown '08 and Emily Tang '08.

SJI Demands Change, Not Support

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such as lectures during First-year orientation are fleeting and that programs need to be "long term to get engraved in people's minds."

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson said that the problem with programs during First-year orientation is the "lack of ability to continue the discussion." She said that a semester long first-year seminar might be a good idea. Many agreed that teaming up with Residential Life and the Residential Advisor staff to develop long-term programs would also be an effective way to encourage compassion on campus. Corinne Bancroft '10 said, "The College has a responsibility to teach students about diversity."

Associate Professor of Philosophy Todd Franklin commented on the Summer Diversity Institutes for Faculty, which is a measure that the administration has already taken to encourage diversity of curriculum. The objective is to get 50 percent of professors through these workshops to help develop more diverse courses and encourage sensitivity to students and other faculty of different backgrounds. When students asked if it was possible to require this training for all professors, Franklin responded that for new professors it might be beneficial to "set the tone for the institutional environment" but for current professors at the college requiring the workshop would be "counterproductive."

Kye Lippold '10 spoke on behalf of the SJI in asking Coffee Hour participants to consider the possibility of extending requirements to include Diversity Intensive Classes. Lippold said that these classes "would operate kind of like Writing Intensive Classes in that students would have to take two or three to graduate." He said these classes would be especially beneficial for students planning to study abroad to increase understanding of the culture in their country of study. Manny Hernandez '08 said that as a member of HEOP program, he had to take a course to "desensitize from being offended." Rather than this sort of backwards training, he said that all students should take courses to encourage sensitivity to diversity. Many agreed that awareness and understanding should start at the curricular level.

Robyn Gibson ended the meeting when she said, "This isn't one discussion but a continuing discussion in many campus organizations. We want change." She encouraged the community to email the Social Justice Initiative sji@hamilton.edu with concerns and ideas. Hector Acevedo '08 spoke to the entire Hamilton Community when he said, "You can make a difference individually and within a group. The power for change comes from within."

Paper Class Evaluations May Be Moving Online

By Alicia Wright '10
News Writer

Fall break is over, and the second half of the semester begins. In a few months, the end of the semester will be here, and all students know what the last week of the semester brings (and first-years will soon know, too). The professor will enter the room with a stack of papers. It will be time to fill out class evaluations.

Soon online evaluations may replace these paper surveys. The Committee on Appointments has received requests from faculty and the administration to investigate a change from paper to web evaluations for reasons beyond just saving the trees.

The Committee on Appointments deals any policy issues linked to faculty and is concentrating on faculty development. Professor of Classics Barbara Gold, Chair of the COA, received many requests from faculty members to explore a possible link between student opinion and professor demographics.

Such studies introduced to Professor Gold suggested that students can be biased towards certain demographics of professors. Age, race, and gender were of course areas examined, but there were other characteristics of professors and the classes that the studies suggested might also influence student opinions. These areas include the rank or special title of a professor, the years of experience of professor, the subject material of the class, and even the amount of time the class is taught in a week.

So how does this study tie into online evaluations? While the COA could review every paper evaluation on file for the past ten years to look for a pattern, that would be too many papers and take too much time. By converting class evaluations to an online database, not only will forests be saved, statistical data will be much easier to acquire and analyze from one forum. Professors will be able to access their own evaluations and see the changing trends of their classes over the years.

Beyond statistical purposes, the online evaluations can also help the classroom time. Many students must confess that at times, they take a little more time than necessary on evaluations to stall the lecture. If not this case, then the students fill out the evaluation as fast as possible at the end of class. Either way, online evaluations eliminates both possibilities. Professor Gold hopes that online evaluations will allow students more time to think about their responses and will provide more detailed, lengthy responses to help professors improve.

This not only benefits professors, but students also like the anonymity of the prospect of online evaluations. Alex Ebling '10 commented, "Online evaluations would be better because students would be more open in their responses. They no longer have to worry that the professor might recognize the handwriting."

If evaluations are not completed in class, though, how will the COA ensure that students do fill out the surveys? Professor Gold said that the evaluations will be easily accessible through the Hamilton webpage, so students will not have to worry about hunting down the link on the site. She also stressed that reminders will be sent to the students prior to evaluation time so the students will have plenty of notification for filling them out.

If necessary, Professor Gold said that some negative incentives could be implemented. For example, she suggests that students might not be able to access grades if the evaluations were not completed. Professor Gold mentioned that Smith College's student government actually has voted to fine students who do not respond to the evaluations.

Professor Gold said the committee has already tested the online evaluations on ten faculty and their classes from the spring '07 semester. This semester, all tenured professors and their classes will administer pilot online evaluations. For those classes, do not worry about any negative incentives. These are just pilots, but responses are very necessary to see how well the evaluation process works.

Professor Gold reported that responses from the faculty have been mixed. While most of the faculty members support testing out the system and recognize the benefits of the online evaluation process, some worry that students might not respond well or provide as much information if left to fill out the evaluations on their own time; or even worse, that students might not respond at all.

Professor Gold hopes that students will understand the importance of these evaluations to the quality of the classes and the performance of the professors, thus take the evaluations more seriously. Julie DiRoma '10 says, "Online evaluations would be better than paper because the school would not waste as much space or paper, and responses would be more legible for professors to read and to get feedback."

College Community Outreach Program

by Meredith Kennedy '09
News Writer

Although Hamilton College is perched on top of a hill, it does an exceptional job of integrating the local community into our lives. The recent Fallfest in Clinton, which included performances by a cappella groups and activities funded by various fraternities and sororities, is an example of the strong relationship Hamilton has developed with Clinton and other areas over the years.

Four years ago, the President's Office started the Hamilton College Community Outreach Program to foster strong college and community relations. The Program is designed to facilitate giving by faculty and staff to the local community. In addition to integrating into the town through social activities, the Outreach Program allows employees to directly contribute through payroll deduction to various social service agencies found in the surrounding area.

According to Meredith Harper Bonham, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, the Community Outreach Program was developed as an alternative to the United Way, which still exists as an option for employee contributions. The program does not deduct administrative costs, and it allows employee payroll deductions to begin in January and continue through December. All faculty contributions go directly to the twenty-seven agencies supported by Hamilton.

Of the twenty-seven agencies supported, Hamilton does not advocate giving to any particular one. Agencies include AIDS Community Resources, Boys and Girls Club of Utica, Kirkland Art Center, and Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugee. The Outreach Campaign suggests a donation to up to three organizations of employee choice, because all places are in desperate need of assistance. Overviews of agency services are provided so employees are able to make informed decisions about where to donate their money.

Bonham, who plays an active role in increasing participation for the Program, "is pleased and proud of our employees' commitment." The Program, which has experienced waning interest in past years, is gaining speed again. This year the goal is to raise $40,000, which is an increase of several thousand dollars over last year's amount. Bonham feels "confident that we will reach our goal" because of the overwhelming dedication apparent in the employee population.

Not only will money donations help strengthen the local agencies surrounding our college, but also the continued support and dedication of time of the entire Hamilton campus will help boost morale and create lasting effects on community life.

Andrew Sheridan '09 Remembered

Wing Eating Competition Raises Over $1,470 for Youth

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Student at the Sheridan Memorial Chicken Wing Eating Competition rush to finish 20 chicken wings in the first round which lasted seven minutes.

by Martin E. Connor '09
Editor-in-Chief

On Thursday October 4, students from every walk of the Hill gathered in the Tolles Pavilion to take part in a highly competitive eating feat: the Andrew M. Sheridan '09 Memorial Chicken Wing Eating Competition and Raffle.

A highly involved member of the Hamilton community and committed volunteer coach with the Cornhill Youth Soccer Program in Utica, Sheridan passed away last year less than two weeks before the start of the Spring semester while playing soccer. Friends of Sheridan came together this year to plan the event, and with the assistance of HAVOC, the Dean of Students office, and Student Activities, the event proved highly successful, raising over $1,470 for the Cornhill Soccer Program.

Over 70 students competed in the first round, in which each contestant was given seven minutes to eat 20 chicken wings. Only 12 students qualified for the championship round, in which each contestant was given five minutes to eat as many chicken wings as possible. The winner was Marco Allodi '08, who ate a total of 43 chicken wings in a total combined time of 12 minutes.

"It was great to win," said Allodi. "But in important, that we remember the reason why we did this. Through this event we were able to benefit the Cornhill Soccer Program, which Andrew really loved."

Students also took advantage of the opportunity to shoot on goals defended by Dean of Student Nancy Thompson and Assistant Dean of Students Phillip Klinkner. Although this event did not draw much attention, the raffle and bake sale that accompanied the wing-eating contest were very popular. Ten prizes were raffled, including a $50 gift certificate to Alteri's, a Vineyard Vines tie, and a special hangover kit.

"It was great to see the community turn out together to support this cause," said Matt Chuff '08, one of the coordinators of the event. "It was a great success, and we even exceeded our fundraising expectations. Thank you to all those who helped plan the event and to all the participants."

The event was a great success for all involved, and the Cornhill Youth Soccer Programs coordinators have already expressed their intentions to rename the program in honor of Andrew Sheridan.

INSIGHTS & IDEAS

The Beta Phi Effect: Serial Dating

by Halley Allaire '09
INSIGHTS & IDEAS COLUMNIST

This article continues Halley Allaire's reflections on her first year at Hamilton.

This is a story, in parts and in lies. Part of what will be told is as things have happened, to me or others. But most is either how I remember it or how I want to remember it. It's hard to tell the difference most of the time. But reader, it's all honest.

The past month or so has basically been a prolonged session of speed dating. I haven't spent much time with neighbor boy since the incident. I guess I've been cured of my little crush. He can go serenade all the slutty little girls he wants for all I care. Not only has he not tried to speak to me about that night since, but about a week later he started hooking up with this trendy little cigarette fiend. Well, I don't need his second hand smoke, and I don't need him (and I'm not bitter at all.)

The speed dating started out with this cute sophomore from my French class. We sit next to each other, and after a while we started saying hi, and joking about the course materials. Honestly, why do we have to be able to name every type of French egg dish? We'd see each other at parties once in a while, but we're just classmates, so we didn't really hang out.

It started with a group project. We all met up in Opus to put together some ridiculous dialogue with as much vocabulary as we could shove in. Afterwards, he walked me back to my dorm. The next week or so we both started showing up in Opus and doing work together. It wasn't planned, but we always sat together, and he always walked me home.

This was really cute at first, then got a little annoying. That lasted for about two weeks, at which point I guess he got tired of me not giving him a goodnight kiss.

I admit I knew he was looking for one and played dumb on purpose. He's cute, but something's not quite there. He stopped showing up at Opus after that. Good boy.

This was actually fine by me, because I'd already met someone else during that time. I knew French boy wanted to move on from Opus study dates, but I wasn't interested once I met soccer star. Just picture this, in slow motion, for a moment: I first saw him at an intramural game, shirtless, beating the hell out of all my team's offenders. I was on defense, so I got to watch him come my way for a good while.

I need a bit of a breather. Who would have thought this was the face of a serial dater?

I'm a better player than this, but I was more than happy to let him get by me fairly quickly. Baby, I hate to see you leave, but I *love* to watch you go.

After he destroyed my goalie, I made a point to guard him on the next play and start up a conversation. I may not be very good with men, but I'm not completely inept at flirting. By the end of the game he took my number and started finding times to hang out with me. We would stop by each other's rooms to watch TV or read, and he met up with me at parties. I can't believe how much easier it is to get Keystone from the kegs when you know someone who is friends with the people working the party. Not sure how much of an accomplishment that actually is, but it's useful.

By the second weekend of this I was free of French boy and going home with the soccer star after parties. We'd make out a bit, but I always went home before it got too late. I guess I was still worried about sleeping over at another guy's place and having it all fall apart.

He knew I was iffy about sleeping over, although not why, which is all he needed to know. But he kept asking me to sleep over anyway, and last weekend I decided maybe it was alright. I'd talked to my friend beforehand about the situation, and she agreed that just sleeping over was fine.

We'd been exclusively seeing each other for about two weeks. At Hamilton that is as close to dating as most people find. So we thought sleeping over would just be the next step to really defining the relationship.

Apparently we have a different interpretation of sleeping over than he does. Sleeping over does not mean constantly tickling me and trying to get my attention when I'm done making out with you. It certainly doesn't mean setting your alarm for seven a.m. once you realize I'm staying just as clothed as I came and telling me you always like to get up early. What happened to working towards a goal?

So serial dating around here is not a good option. Everyone's a little spoiled about the time it takes to get a relationship going, and I got sucked up in it. It's gotten to the point where usually the actual relationship is skipped. I've gone through two guys in four weeks. Better than two in one weekend, but how many people do that? I need a bit of a breather. Who would have thought this was the face of a serial dater?

Thumbs up

- The Cider Mill: I will do horrible, unspeakable things for a cider doughnut.

- The iService desk is back up once again! Looks like I can cancel that suicide party I was going to throw this weekend.

- Bon Appetit serves cake for its 20th birthday. Does that mean we'll be getting shots for your 21st?

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Sarah Cornblath '08

Thumbs down

- The impostor Martin the Cat: Nice try Joan, but everyone knows that you're an animorph.

- Getting yelled at over this column: These are jokes, if you don't understand that by now I encourage you to eat all the colorful things under your kitchen sink.

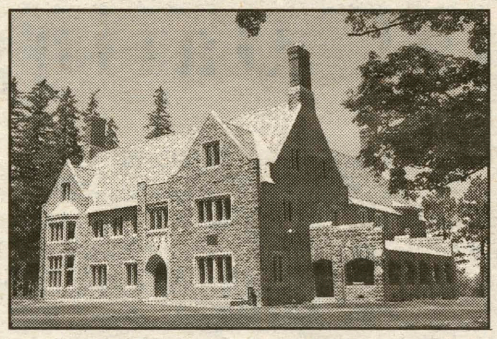
- Testing the air raid sirens? The question isn't whether the sirens work, the question is who the hell is trying to bomb Hamilton with aircraft?

- "Fall Break": Two days tacked onto a weekend... wow, thanks, I hardly recognized campus when I got back.

Who Cares?

- Hi guys! Do you have that special someone in your life but just don't know how to express your burning, primal love? How about some asshat that talks way too much in your Crusades in Context class and you don't know how to call him out on it? Starting now we are accepting "gratuities" to consider your "thoughts" for Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down! Good gift ideas include Keystone, Mad Dog and other fine spirits, pot cookies, cash monies, inflated grades, baked goods, discrete hand jobs/ finger bangings, codine, pelts, and feigned friendship (only if you're cooler than us). This offer is extended to students, faculty and staff.

- Selling out.

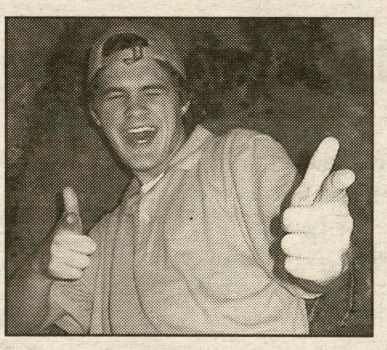


"Killing dreams."

Admissions

"Self-promotion with a minor in social climbing."

The Continental



"Collegiate judicial structures and mechanisms."

Kevin "Mad-dog" O'Connor '09

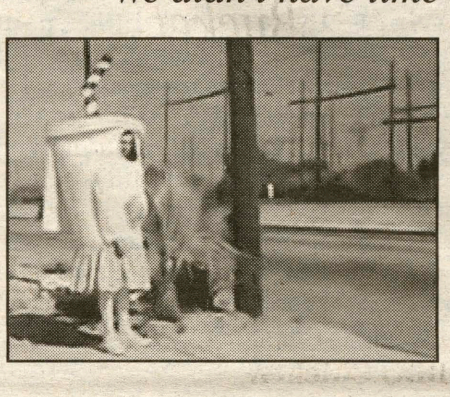
*Hamilton Scripted**

This week's question:

If you could invent your own major, what would it be?

by Jacob Murray '09, Pat Hodgens '09 and Melissa Balding '09

**We didn't have time to ask these respondents, so all answers are assumed.*



"Non-speaking roles."

Nat Faxon '97
(The milkshake from Reno 911)

"Not dying."

Prof. Way Jilliams

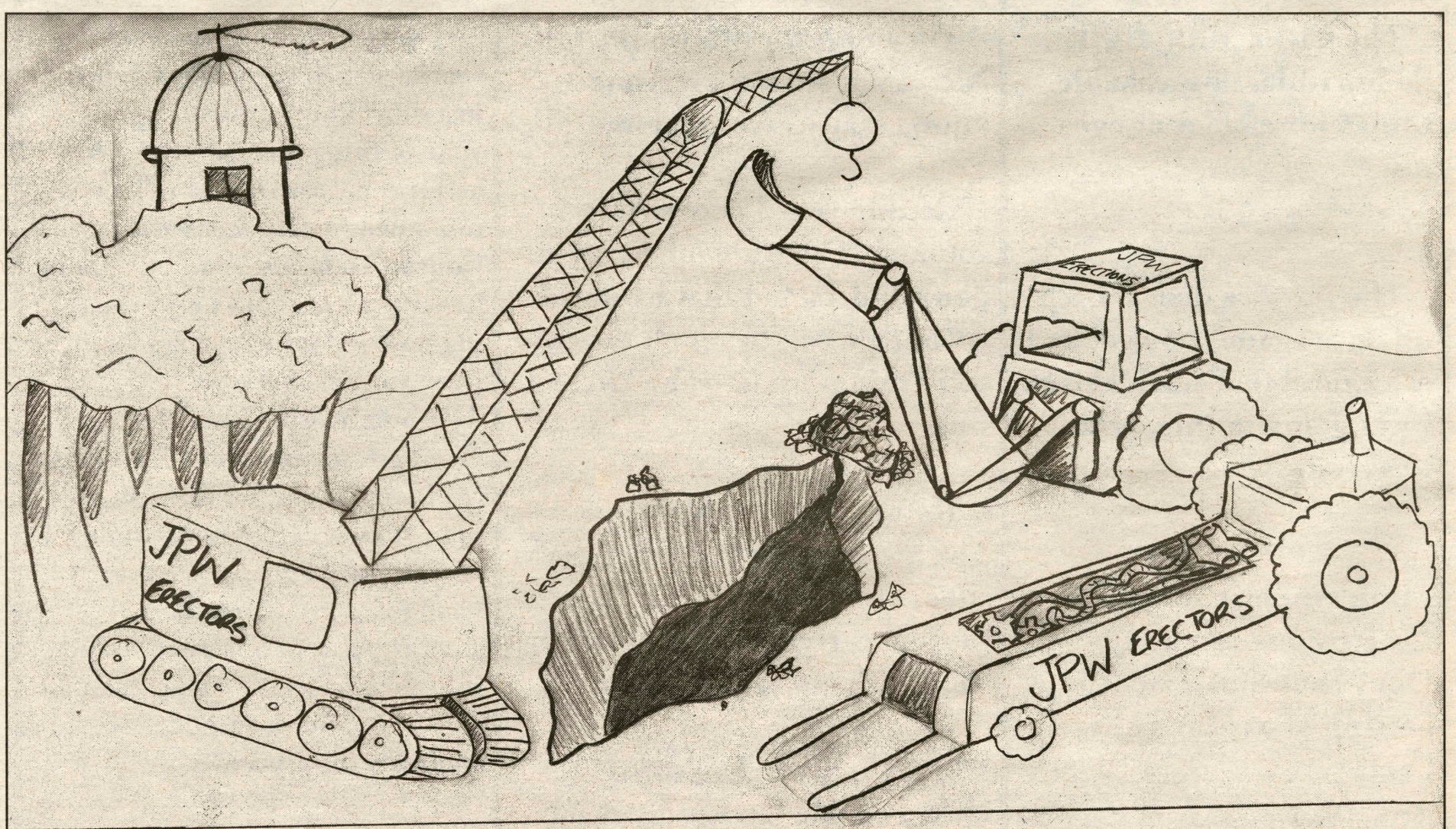
"Community interaction."

Joan Hinde Stewart

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION:

What's your favorite pick-up line?

Email your answers to **specii @hamilton.edu**



Rhymes with Islam

by James Head '08 and Matt Linden '08
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sm.....*$1.50*.....*lg*.....*$2.50*

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Beer Battered and served with fries & cole slaw .....*market price*

Fish Sandwich
Served with fries.....*market price*

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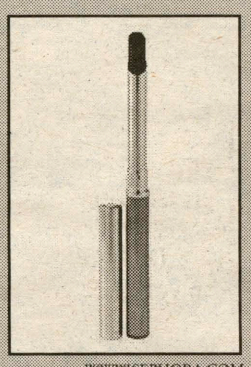
Lotions and Potions: How To Get The Fall Beauty Look

By Elizabeth Kosar '10
Beauty Columnist

Ok, so now that we're back from fall break and the weather is finally getting cold we can officially talk fall beauty. No, I'm not suggesting you paint your eyelids in autumnal orange and brown. The tree look works for no one. But I am suggesting you update your make-up bag, taking it away from sparkly pink lip gloss and summer bronzer to something more sophisticated. I love the looks that were shown on the fall runways. They emphasized clear, healthy skin, luscious red lips and full, natural brows. Think Brooke Shields, not Groucho Marx.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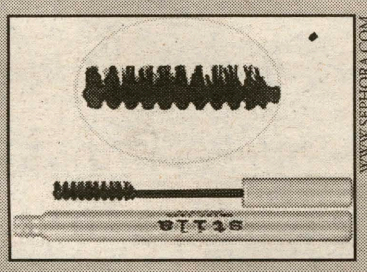
Clinique Almost Lipstick in Black Honey

This stuff looks insanely dark in the tube, but it goes on as the perfect just-ate-blackberries stain. The whole really red lipstick thing scares me because I knew this girl in high school who wore cherry red lipstick every single day. She always looked like she had just gotten off the night shift at Peepers.



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Stila Major Lash Mascara

If you smoosh this into your lash you get a slightly smokey, but totally elegant eye. Too much liner/eyeshadow/whatever makes your eyes look smaller and also like your 4-year old cousin did your make-up.

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Cetaphil cleanser

The weather's getting colder and that means that it is time to baby the skin a little bit. Cetaphil's been around forever, because it's completely gentle. It's used as a body cleanser on babies, so you are washing your face with baby butt softener. And who doesn't want that?

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Redken Anti-Snap

For reasons I'll never understand my hair starts breaking in the fall. Maybe it's all the curling irons and hair straighteners? In any case, Anti Snap is the only product that helps me keep my locks in place.

OPI I'm Not Really A Waitress

This is the PERFECT, sparkly red nail polish. It's ideal for fall.

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Smart Shopping: In a New York State of Mind

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Sarah Jessica Parker as Carrie Bradshaw- New York City's very own fashion icon.

By Fenglin Zhao '10
Features Columnist

I am in a New York state of mind. Dedicated to my beloved city of New York, now, then, and forever.

When home is thousands of miles away, fall break is never better spent than in New York City. After the heat waves and restlessness of the summer, the city has composed itself into an absolute autumn beauty. As I walked the streets of my beloved island, I couldn't help but recall my favorite episode of Sex and the City—" I Heart NY," where on a beautiful fall morning, Carrie rushes to Big's apartment to catch him before his plane takes off.

When she arrives, all she finds is a record of " Moon River" with a note reading, "If you ever feel lonely" and a plane ticket to Napa with a note reading, "If I ever feel lonely." Then she walks onto Park Avenue, knowing that although men come and go in her life; New York will always be with her, in good times and in bad.

With the filming of the Sex And The City the movie in progress, I would love to give my readers a preview of some of the characters' latest styles. Let's see how our favorite New Yorker dresses herself.

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1. I can't emphasize enough the popularity of oversized cardigans and booties this fall. I am not sure about Clinton, New York but they have flooded the island of Manhattan and many fashion magazines. Go with the majority here and you won't go wrong.
Cardigan VLL Light
Link: www.mangoshop.com
price: $59

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Franco Sarto " Miss" Suede Ankle Boot
Price: $128
Link: www.bloomingdales.com
2. Truly stylish women do not compromise on shoes or bags. Similarly, a killer coat goes with all your knit tops and cheap trinkets.

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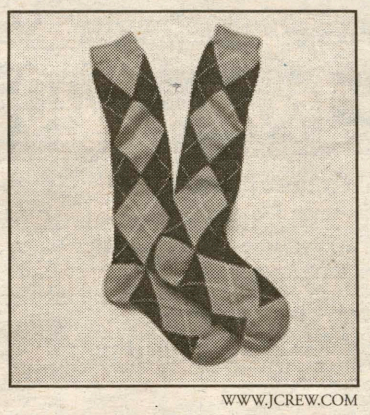
3. Besides that, what else do you see? I see socks.

Burberry Ruislip Long Wool Cashmere Coat
price: (on sale) $508, was: $725
link: www.neimanmarcus.com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Argyle Knee Highs
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Study Buddies and Public Speaking

By Pat Hodgens '09
Insights and Ideas Editor

"And that's what success means to me."

That's how Shane ended his prize-winning speech on the theme of success in a public speaking contest run by Study Buddies. Shane is a Utica student who participates in the Study Buddies program.

The contest brought Study Buddies students and tutors together with Oral Communication Center tutor Becca Griffin '09 for a lesson and some practice in the art of public speaking.

Study Buddies is a HAVOC-affiliated service group. It brings Utica middle school and high school students to campus for a meal in Commons, tutoring, and an educational activity.

"Study Buddies matches Utica 7th-12th graders with Hamilton volunteers for regular tutoring to improve their academic performance," said Sarah Wissel'08, director of Study Buddies. "In the process, the kids gain exposure to the college atmosphere, where I hope they will all one day find themselves, and gain the friendship of someone who is actively pursuing education as a means of self-improvement. The goal is for these factors to come together and inspire the kids to understand and approach education as the means of achieving their own goals."

The post-tutoring activities are an important part of that. Those activities are often run with the help of other student groups. Past helpers have included KSA, The Brothers, Ballroom Dancing Club, and BSU. For this activity, the Oral Communication Center chipped in.

"Several of the kids had expressed confidence and pride in their skills in argument," explained Wissel. "We wanted to give them opportunity to showcase and strengthen those skills, as well as gain confidence in front of large groups."

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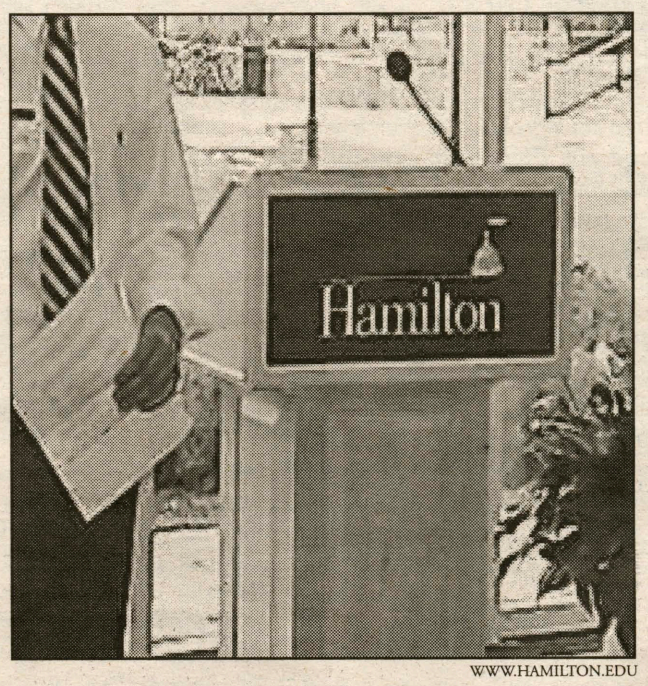
Griffin delivered a short presentation on effective public speaking. After, the students were split up into small groups to write their own presentations on the theme of "success." The students came together at the end to show off their work, delivering five-minute speeches on the topic.

"All the teams were good, but the winners approached it from more than one level," said Griffin. "They were able to talk about success from an individual and a larger level."



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Public speaking is a valued skill at Hamilton and in the real world.

According to the Hamilton website, the Oral Communication Center offers many academic support services and "is dedicated to helping students improve and polish their public-speaking skills and classroom performance."

"When people have presentations...we provide feedback on the verbal and non-verbal communication they used and the skills they'll need to improve their presentation," explained Griffin.

"We're...incredibly grateful for Oral Comm's support and Becca's amazing help!" concluded Wissel. "The success of the Study Buddy program -and, by proxy, the kids - is contingent upon our ability to draw upon the resources of the student body, like Becca."

For more information on Study Buddies, contact program administrators at study@hamilton.edu. For more information on the Oral Communication Center, contact lab coordinator James Helmer at jhelmer@hamilton.edu.

TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE ORAL DELIVERY

(Excerpted from Oral Communication Center handouts)

- Make a good set of notes you can follow at a glance, and PRACTICE your presentation.
- Dress for the occasion and tidy yourself up.
- Stand or sit up straight with your weight balanced.
- Make eye contact *before* you start to speak, as you normally do in beginning a conversation.
- Don't start with "um" or "okay."
- Talk to your listeners as if you are having a conversation with them.
- Make plenty of genuine eye-to-eye contact with members of the audience.
- Avoid merely *reading* your presentation.
- Focus on sharing your ideas. Communicate.
- Use your voice expressively and meaningfully.
- Use your body expressively and meaningfully.

What's Cookin' in the CoOp: Yumm, Fall Specials!

By Amelia Conlon '08
Features Contributor

In the CoOp, we want to support local farms, so we buy as much produce in season as possible. For late autumn and early winter this includes apples, squashes, and kale. A lot of our produce comes from Old Path Farm, a local CSA (community supported agriculture). Emma Stewart recently made us a delicious couscous dish with apples we picked at North Star Orchards.

Autumn Couscous (Emma Stewart '09)

2 cups dry couscous
3 cups vegetable stock
1 cup water
6 Mac apples, diced
2 red onions, diced
1 cup roasted pecan pieces
fresh thyme, as much as you can get
salt

Saute the apples and onions separately. In a large pot, bring the vegetable stock and water to a boil. Add the couscous and set burner to the lowest heat. After about 5 minutes, add the rest of the ingredients and stir occasionally as the couscous expands. Smells like Thanksgiving!

Butternut Sage Orzo (Mary Beth Lind and Cathleen Hockman-Wert, *Simply in Season*)

1 cup of onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
4 cups butternut squash, peeled seeded and cubed
½ cup vegetable broth
½ cup white wine or additional broth
4 cups water or broth
1 cup of orzo
½ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
2 tablespoons fresh sage, chopped

In a large pan sauté onion over medium heat in 1 tablespoon of olive oil until tender, about 6 minutes. Add garlic until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add butternut squash, stirring to coat. Add 1 cup broth (or ½ broth ½ wine) and simmer until squash is almost tender and liquid is absorbed, about 10 minutes.

While squash cooks bring 4 cups of liquid to a boil in large saucepan and add orzo. Boil until tender but still firm, about 8 minutes. Drain and transfer to large bowl, add squash.

Stir in cheese and sage. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Gingered Kale and Tofu (Mary Beth Lind and Cathleen Hockman-Wert, *Simply in Season*)

½ cup soy sauce
½ cup broth
¼ cup rice or white vinegar
3 tablespoons brown sugar
2 cakes of firm tofu, cut into 1 inch squares
2 tablespoons peanut oil
6 cups of kale, coarsely chopped
3 tablespoons ginger root, peeled and minced
¼ cup fresh lime juice
¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
pinch of ground red pepper

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Fall brings a cornucopia of culinary options.

Bring soy sauce, broth, vinegar and brown sugar in a medium saucepan. Simmer 1 minute and remove from heat. Place tofu in a single layer on an ovenproof pan. Pour marinade over tofu and set aside for at least 10 minutes. Occasionally turn tofu over. Drain and save remaining marinade. Sprinkle peanut oil over tofu broil for 4 minutes and turn squares over, broil for 4 minutes more until golden brown in color. While the tofu broils sauté kale and ginger root in large saucepan in 2 tablespoons of peanut oil over high heat, stirring occasionally until kale wilts. Add lime juice, cilantro and red pepper to kale and remove from heat. When tofu is browned toss with kale.

"What's Cookin' in the CoOp" is a weekly collection of yummy concoctions from the CoOp kitchen at Wollcott House. Try 'em out in your common room kitchen! Many thanks to the CoOp members for sharing their culinary creativity!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Weekly Charts

by Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums
1. Across the Universe (Music from the motion picture) - Various Artists
2. Chase This Light - Jimmy Eat World
3. Coco - Colbie Caillat
4. Magic - Bruce Springstein
5. Graduation - Kanye West

Top Songs
1. Bubbly - Colbie Caillat
2. Crank That - Soulja Boy
3. Apologize - Timbaland
4. Gimme More - Britney Spears
5. Stronger - Kanye West

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)
1. Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married?
2. The Game Plan
3. We Own the Night
4. Michael Clayton
5. The Heartbreak Kid
6. Elizabeth: The Golden Age
7. The Kingdom
8. Across the Universe
9. Resident Evil - Extinction
10. The Seeker

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, by Gabriel García Márquez
2. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen
3. THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini
4. MIDDLESEX, by Jeffrey Eugenides
5. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards

Paperback Non-Fiction
1. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
2. INTO THE WILD, by Jon Krakauer
3. 90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN, by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey
4. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls
5. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

WHCL Weekend DJ Profiles

by Tom Helmuth '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

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Fervently Eclectic: 12 PM – 2 PM
DJ: Rachel Richardson

Fervently Eclectic strives to live up to its name, which was conceived in a lucid moment of epiphany on a living room couch in Tulsa, Oklahoma, approximately 3 years before Rachel ever laid eyes on the buzzing neon sign of WHCL. Not only is the show eclectic, but it is fervently so, crossing all musical boundaries from indie to minimalism, freakfolk to bebop, golden oldies to songs from Sesame Street. Each week the show focuses on an abstract theme: dreams, cars, food, etc. Truly an ear-warming experience, *Fervently Eclectic* sails on into its 5th semester to realms untold!
Example Artists: Pavement, Paul Simon, Penguin Café Orchestra, Pretenders, Prokofiev – And those are just the ones that start with P!

Conga Fury: 2 PM – 3 PM
DJ: Caitlin Hellerer
Example Artists: Brightblack Morning Light, Manu Chao, Aesop Rock, Dangerdoom, The Band, Philip Glass

I Lost Count: 3 PM – 4 PM
DJ: Kate Payne

Do you like pogs? I like club music. Yah dig?
Example Artists: Crystal Castles, Thunderheist, Au Revoir Simone, Sol Seppy, Gram Rabbit

Hymen Radcliffe Show: 4 PM – 6 PM
DJs: Winston Cook-Wilson, Andrew Peart

Retro Country: 6 PM – 8 PM
DJ: Mark Fuller

Radiola!: 8 PM – 10 PM
DJ: Andy Senior

RADIOLA! is foremost a program of the best pop and jazz from the 1920s and 1930s, music which is unavailable anywhere else on local airwaves. These recordings shimmer with wit and levity, brim with deep joy, and beat with the pulse of life.
Example Artists: Joseph Robichaux and his New Orleans Rhythm Boys, Annette Hanshaw, Bennie Moten's Kansas City Orchestra, Cliff Edwards, Ted Weems and his Orchestra

Emo Hour: 10 PM – 11 PM
DJs: Matt Fellows, Ash Wall

Is your life gloomy and unfair? Do your parents just not understand? Do you continually find the need to push your jet black hair out of your eyes? Then this is the show for you. All Emo all the time. When life's got you down, whine about it and listen to Emo hour.
Example Artists: Emos, Good Charlotte, American HiFi, Bright Eyes, Taking Back Sunday.

Doin' Time Radio: 11 PM – 12 AM
DJs: Gideon Clark, Jarred Hassell, George Niden

Saturday

From Nega to Poji: 10 AM – 11: AM
DJ: W Poon

Electronic Surgical Words: 11: AM – 12 PM
DJs: Scott Flaherty, Jason Oberholtzer, Cody Westphal

Electronic Surgical Words takes a comprehensive and well-rounded look into many genres of music, with the hope of expanding listeners' musical horizons. Tune in to meander along the blurred lines between new and old, mainstream and indie, folk and rock, happy and sad, absurd and ordinary, but most of all, tune in to try something just a little different.
Example Artists: Wilco, Loose Fur, The Minus Five, Golden Smog, Jeff Tweedy

Frontier Psychiatrist: 12 PM – 2 PM
DJ: Charlie Kaplan

Overkill: 2 PM – 4 PM
DJs: Noah Stanco, Simon Stanco

Fikus Tree: 4 PM – 5 PM
DJs: Katie Goodwin, Sarah Mortati
Example Artists: Phish, Galactic, Old Crow Medicine Show, Citizen Cope, Bob Dylan, Medeski Martin and Wood, Amon Tobin, James Taylor, Led Zeppelin

Oh Oh It's Magic!: 5 PM – 6 PM
DJs: Sally Kral, Grace Stadnyk

Sing-along, dance-along: what more could you want?? It's Magic! Oh Oh!
Example Artists: Queen, Rilo Kiley, Roney, Of Montreal, Gravy Train

Minority Report: 6 PM – 7 PM
DJs: Chiquita Paschal, Melissa Young

Getting' Jiggy With It: 7 PM – 8 PM
DJs: Alex Bullard, Sharfi Farhana

We want to bring back memories and nostalgia from the age that we all grew up in… Think of the awkward middle school dances, goofy trends, and popular music that we all remember and still love to this day!
Example Artists: Third Eye Blind, Backstreet Boys, N'Sync, Ace of Base, Spice Girls

Retro Radio: 8 PM – 10 PM
DJ: Mark Fuller

Gully Tactics: 10 PM – 12 AM
DJ: Tim David

Sunday

Peaches & Cream: 10 AM – 11 AM
DJs: Marcus Dormanen, Zach Shockley
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Dizzy D and Doc Shock on the ones twos, ya heard?
Example Artists: Perpetual Groove, String Cheese Incident, Dave Matthews Band, Robert Randolph, Radiohead

NBD: 11 AM – 12 PM
DJs: Catie Ferrara, Jane Hannon, Anne Scott

Our show is a blend of music- it will include tunes from different genres that span a period of the last three decades. The focus will be on indie pop but other types of music will be interspersed. We will, additionally, be observing every holiday musically.
Example Artists: The Shins, Sufjan Stevens, Regina Spector, Spoon, The Format, Rufus Wainwright, Cake, Barenaked Ladies, Matchbox Twenty

bifurcations: 12 PM – 2 PM
DJs: Theo Collins, Adele Paquin

Adele and Theo are the bifurcators, playing music that changes as unexpectedly as the fall weather. Swing from punk to soul in one song, then folk to electronica in another. Can you keep up?
Example Artists: The Clash, Uncle Tupelo, Sam Cooke, Toots and the Maytals, Radiohead, The Flaming Lips, Madonna, Paul Simon

X-Viper Hour: 2 PM – 4 PM
DJs: Phil Hoying, Victoria Jenkins

XVH is designed to give students an opportunity to perform live radio plays both in the studio and before live audiences. Last semester, we focused on reproducing some of "the greats" from old-time radio—Sorry, Wrong Number, The Thin Man, Dracula, and War of the Worlds, among others. We have a growing cast of voice actors including students, faculty and administrators, and President Stewart herself.

What a Rack!: 4 PM – 5 PM
DJs: WHCL Staff

Every week at WHCL, we receive stacks of new CDs before they've been released, which we then put on our racks in the station. What A Rack! is an hour devoted to brand new music, whatever genre it may be - depending on which E-Board member is at the helm for the week, you could hear an hour of the newest in Indie or the newest in Jam. You definitely won't hear it anywhere else, though.
Example Artists: New Music from these any many more artists: Modest Mouse, Of Montreal, Widespread Panic, Ranarim, Eric Clapton & J.J. Cale

Poppycock!: 5 PM – 7 PM
DJs: Laura DeFrank, Alex Ossola, Jackie Schuck

Occasionally irrelevant, usually irreverent, great tunes and rapier wit combined to provide you with a decent way to spend two hours. Doesn't make sense? That's ok, it's just Poppycock!
Example Artists: Juanes, The Eagles, Bon Jovi, Sufjan Stevens, Backstreet Boys

Natalie's Radio Show: 7 PM – 8 PM
DJ: Natalie Sullivan

The K-Man & Granny Show: 8 PM – 10 PM
DJs: Matt Granato, Adam Koury, Gianni Notaro

Each week the K-man & Granny Radio Program works hard to deliver the finest in radio content, and accuracy in national, local, and obscure news reporting. This program is a fabrication of comedy, commentary, guests, contests, cash & prizes, tunes, pop-culture, and much more. This program has all of the ingredients to win over even the most discerning radio listener's tastes. This is a program geared towards the diverse, open minded and fun-loving radio listener. You may laugh…you may cry…you might learn something…or you just may become dumber, but you will never be bored while enjoying this program. It's just like sitting on your back porch, and talking with old friends…with the occasional Kiefer Sutherland sound drop.
Example Artists: The Clash, Talking Heads, The Strokes, Van Morrison, Steely Dan

Corn on the Cob: 10 PM – 11 PM
DJ: Mandy Bowman

A country music show that includes a plethera of celebrity gossip, talk of the Hill, and just about anything!

Lost In Transmission: 11 PM – 12 AM
DJs: Casey Bloomquist, Matt Stanton

Experience music on a higher level. If youre looking for something that is not your cliché classic rock or your "I feel really cool for listening to this" Indie music station… Listen to us. Casey and Matt.
Example Artists: Blue Sky Black Death, Iam, The Wrens, Mogwai, Blue Scholars

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Man Man, Grizzly Bear, and Ball of Flame Shoot Fire Rock Hamilton

by Rachel Richardson '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Beneath the directive, "THAT-A-WAY," the signs pointing concert-goers to the October 6 Man Man, Grizzly Bear, and Ball of Flame Shoot Fire show parenthetically stated "Best IMF Show Ever." As the night wore on and the music grew louder, the words became fact. Despite delays, technical malfunctions, and a borderline riotous crowd, the show was among the wildest and flat-out best that the Independent Music Fund has ever sponsored, and that Hamilton has ever seen.

Traditionally, crowds are unfriendly to opening acts, and Saturday's audience should have been no exception. Due to time constraints beyond the IMF's control, the travel-weary, rain-spattered concert-goers amassed outside the Tolles Pavillion were at fever pitch with impatience when doors finally opened. Consequently, openers Ball of Flame Shoot Fire had no private sound check, but were forced to launch into their set as the crowd filed in and tickets were still being tallied. Despite this, the Pittsburgh natives' mix of piano, trumpet, drums and dual guitars quickly rattled the crowd into dancing. This reception was no small feat, considering BOFSF just recorded their first EP "*Grumpy Little Bird*" this past summer and all members, including pianist and singer Winston Cook-Wilson '09, are full-time undergraduate students. Hamilton's student body was also represented onstage by trumpeter Betsy Gordon '10, standing in for BOFSF's saxophonist currently studying abroad; Gordon either hid her jitters behind her sunglasses or is a flawless addition to the band. Even under the pressure of opening for such indie heavy-hitters as headliners Man Man and Grizzly Bear, Ball of Flame Shoot Fire more than held their own on the bill. Copies of the band's EP were spotted in most attendee's pockets afterwards and are currently available through Cook-Wilson.

Capitalizing on the amplified energy brought by Ball of Flame, Brooklyn four-piece Grizzly Bear took the stage for an extended, intensive set. While Grizzly Bear's music is less raucous than either BOFSF or Man Man, the sheer volume is more than comparable. Heavenly harmonies and Chris Taylor's plethora of pedals provided ample sound for the towers of speakers. Between songs, guitarist and singer Ed Droste chatted with the sweat-drenched crowd: "Does anyone know Rory? She baked us a pie!" was met with due cheers. When Taylor's bass string broke, the band simply bantered through the interim. "This one starts slow, but it's going somewhere," Droste promised as the melody shifted into "On a Neck, On a Spit" from their 2007 release "Yellow House." The band's EP, "*Friend*" will be available in November.

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Man Man and BOFSF combine their powers in one of the greatest photos EVER.

Due again to technical difficulties, the tension in the crowd preceding Man Man's long-awaited set was nearly palpable. The band reemerged in their customary white clothes and matching facepaint and, for lack of a better term, exploded. Man Man's music is barely contained chaos on record; live, the music is a hurricane of xylophone, drums, piano and shouting. During "Black Mission Goggles," played at twice the speed of the recording on their 2007 release "*Six Demon Bag*," the rest of the band was silenced by Chang Wang as he smacked what looked like a fire extinguisher and howled like a demon. Throughout the set, drummer Pow Pow and lead singer and pianist Honus Honus would synchronize standing on their respective seats before erupting into another song. Meanwhile, the bald and bearded Sergei Sogay wielded his bass like a rifle and Alejandro "Cougar" Borg frequently played a box piano over his guitar. If the band itself didn't provide enough madness, the crowd certainly did. Midway through Man Man's set, half the audience took its cue from the band's trademark warpaint and were painted white themselves, thrashing and eventually spilling onto the stage itself. Appropriately, a thunderstorm raged outside as the music and movement of the show climaxed, though few could differentiate between rain, sweat, and warpaint by the night's end.

Man Man, Grizzly Bear, and Ball of Flame Shoot Fire may not have won any Video Music Awards or come near the Billboard Top 100, but, as Saturday night definitely proved, there is more than one way definition of success. Energy, enthusiasm, and quality music made for a memorable, momentous show for anyone that was in attendance, as well as for the history of the Independent Music Fund. Stay tuned for upcoming IMF shows, and feel free to contact the organization through their email at imf@hamilton.edu.

Strata: A Must Listen to Band

by Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Strata is a gem that I found while cruising around Purevolume last spring. I am a sucker for music videos, and the animation intrigued me. Needless to say, after watching "Cocaine (We're All Going to Hell)" I was addicted to the band. However, they only had two songs on that site as well as Myspace, so I had an arduously long wait until July 17 when *Strata Presents The End of the World* was released. I stalked the music store everyday until the CD was available (a three day longer wait because the store did not get it when it was released), and was highly rewarded for my patience.

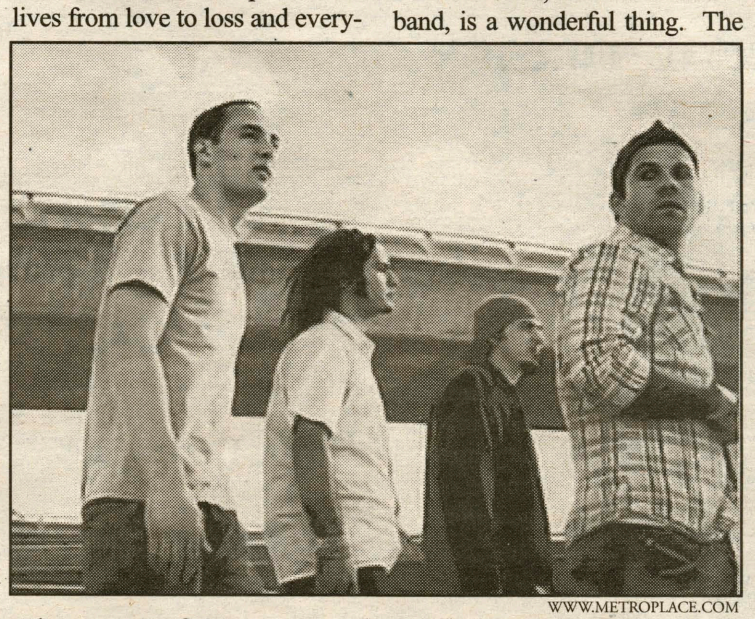
Strata's sophomore album shows significant growth from their previous album, simply titled *Strata and* released in 2004, which was primarily screamo-hardcore rock. However, Strata's first album did peak at number 41 on the Billboard's "Top Heatseekers" chart, and their first single, "Piece By Piece" was featured in the movie *The Punisher* and the video game *Madden NFL 2005*. Additionally, another song, "Never There (She Stabs)" was in the movie *Elektra*.

Strata Presents the End of the World shows stylistic and lyrical growth. The band no longer focuses on screamo rock, instead calling themselves alternative-indie. But in certain songs you can still find traces of the old band, such as "Poughkeepsie, NY" and "New National Anthem."

The band comprises Eric Victorino (vocals), Ryan Hernandez (guitar), Hrag Chanchanian (bass), and Adrian Robison (drums). They are from Campbell, California, and were originally called Downside. However, in 2003 they changed their name to Strata. Since September the band has been on tour with Kaddisfly, The Panic Division, and The Last Opera.

When describing their new album, Eric Victorino said, "I came to realize over that summer that the lyrics for the new album would have to be my best attempt at painting a picture of how it feels to live in America right now. Living in what mostly feels like the end of times. There's such a thick, black hopelessness all over everything and it'll get you down if you let it, so you have to keep moving....For most of us the only thing left that brings us hope is love."

Victorino added, "Each song on the album tells a different story and describes another part of our lives from love to loss and everything in between. We live in a country at war with the world. This terror culture permeates everything in our lives. It's not something we can avoid writing about anymore."



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The men of Strata, a talented, brand new band.

"Love is Life" is one of my favorite songs on the CD, and demonstrates the range of styles which Strata is capable of. The song is so harmonious and peaceful, but with a great beat, so that the melody stays in your head for hours. Which, in the case of this band, is a wonderful thing. The opening lines grabbed my attention, "I've got enough wood and nails here I've collected through the years / to build a few sturdy walls to keep us safe from all my fears. / My insecurities are promises I was born to keep; / you know I live just to die for my beliefs. / Well, I believe in myself and I believe in you," but it was the chorus that I fell in love with: "if it's the last thing we both do, let's take a good, deep breath—remember this…love is life. This love is my life." The music video for this song is currently in the works.

My second favorite song is "Hot/Cold (Darling Don't)." It is a sentimental-romantic song that I can listen to on repeat for an hour. The song is full of questions, both for the woman featured and for the audience, and of sadly sweet imagery: "Darling, if nothing else, I know that this is true; / I'd have nobody if I don't have you. / But you said your hope was lost, my eyes were stinging hot, / the first of the tears to fall... / Have you given too much away? / Are you giving us up? / Did the going get tough this time? / Don't give up on us. / I said, "look at the map on the wall, put your fingers on where we are, / no matter where I go we're just an inch apart." / You interrupted and said, "not that old speech again! - / If we're just an inch apart, then reach out and grab my hand." This song is on my current top ten list of must listen to songs.

Strata is a fantastic band that you will be hearing much of in the near future, so why not get a head start and check them out right now!

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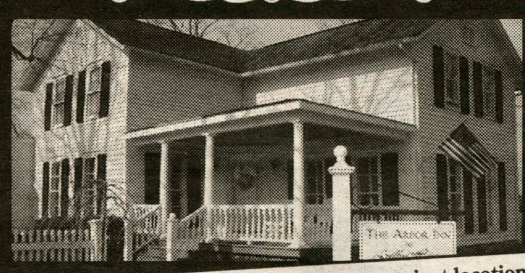

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Honorable Mention: TONI BULLOCK, "London in the Palm of Your Hand," England

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Bon Appetit Celebrates Twenty Years of Yum

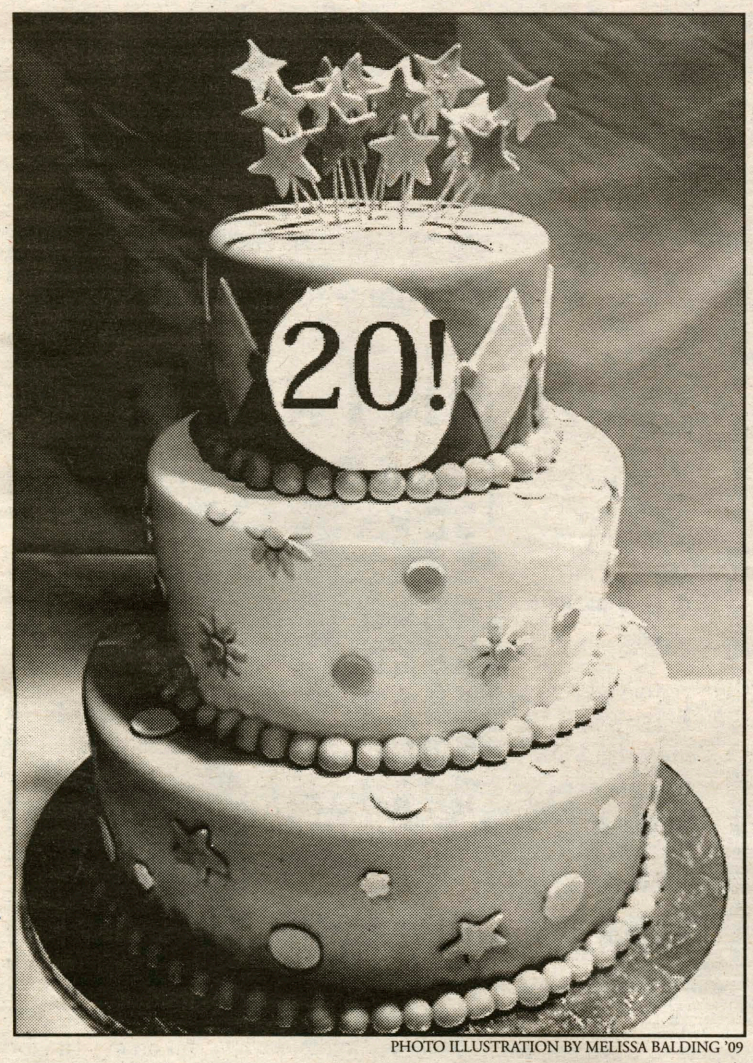

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MELISSA BALDING '09

by Elijah LaChance '10 and Kate Tummarello '11
Science and Technology Editors

Diners entering Commons and McEwen were given a surprise Wednesday when they saw the birthday cake decals decorating the front of Hamilton's dining halls. Few students on the Hill, it seemed, realized that it was twenty years to the day from when Bon Appetit Management Company - Hamilton's exclusive food service provider - was originally formed as a catering company in California. Today, Bon Appetit has over 10,000 employees and over forty cafes in 28 states. In addition to Hamilton, Bon Appetit is the official food service provider of MIT, Washington University in St. Louis, and many corporations including Adidas America.

The success of Bon Appetit is due to their innovative and beneficial ways of serving their customers, which are proudly listed on pamphlets in the dining halls. One of their most impressive approaches is their purchasing of local, seasonal products. Another notable technique is following the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch guidelines, which promote decisions for healthy oceans such as eliminating unwanted catches, like dolphins. The chickens are protected too, as shell eggs are Certified Humane and cage-free.

Aside from doing things that are good for the environment, Bon Appetit does things that are good for their customers. They serve poultry and hamburgers that are raised without routinely being fed antibiotics. They also offer milk that is free of artificial bovine growth hormones and eliminate trans fats, the bad fats, from their menus. Bon Appetit manages to satisfy both the desire for delicious food and the need for healthy food.

But do these guidelines and standards make a difference in the larger community? Is Hamilton a bubble when it comes to its cuisine? According to Bon Appetit's Hamilton director, Pat Raynard, the changes Bon Appetit has made have had significant effects on the surrounding communites. "When we decided to eliminate rBGH from all our milk products, our dairy changed an entire factory so no rBGH was used," he says. "That milk and those products got sold to the average consumer, too. Now when I go to the grocery store I can buy rBGH-free milk, cage-free chicken, antibiotic-free hamburger. Those things weren't available twenty years ago."

Raynard argues that food service companies like Bon Appetit have a huge impact on local grocery markets. "A typical person walks in and buys a chicken. We buy five hundred chickens. These things make a difference, and markets go the way the large purchasers want them to," he explains. The numbers really do add up: Bon Appetit now serves over 80 million meals across the country every year.

Bon Appetit's landmark comes just after the renovations of the McEwen Green Cafe that saw the addition of environmentally-friendly furniture and carpeting in the Dark Side's lone dining hall, and on the brink of other new developments. Bon Appetit has expressed the wish to expand the mug program instituted in McEwen to Commons and to remove paper products from the Diner. Each of these potential changes mirrors a company-wide policy. As Raynard says, "That's a lot of trees." It's clear that after twenty years in business, Bon Appetit will continue pushing the frontiers of culinary responsibility. Now that's a yummy thought.

Boat Purchased for Scientific Research

from ***Takes to Lake****, page 1*

"Compared to other things, like lab instruments, that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, the boat was a very good value," says Domack. " It's a logical thing for us to get. The cost-benefit ratio is high." With trailering provided by the Oneida Lake Marina, the boat is able to access numerous lakes and ponds throughout the Finger Lakes region. "Basically, you can go where you want to," says Domack. With its highly buoyant design and flat hull, the research vessel can access areas of water as shallow as one foot.

The boat, which does not yet have a name, will be used by various departments, including Geosciences, Biology, and Environmental Science, but its primary research purpose will be to assist in Domack's research on erosion and water quality in the delta at the mouth of Oneida Lake. "The boat is great for our research because we need to get out on the water during storms, and chartering a boat didn't allow us to do that," explains Domack. The boat is equipped with gear for collecting sediment and conducting water samples. Previously, this equipment had to be hauled on and off the chartered boat between voyages. In addition, by owning the boat the College gains the ability to run similar research on other nearby lakes and ponds.

Domack has plans to host a "public boat day" either later this month of in early November, but the date has not yet been specified. In order to pilot the boat, potential captains must complete a six-hour training course. The idea for a boat originated five years ago when several projects began on the lake and chartering became both expensive and inconvenient. "It was about that time we started to think, 'Maybe we should get a boat,'" remembers Domack, who has been the key figure in obtaining the money to purchase the boat, although he is quick to point out that members of varius other departments provided invaluable support and assistance in the endeavor.

Although Domack's projects were the primary reason for purchasing the research vessel, they are only one example of the research it will be a part of. This past summer, Hamilton students conducted five different projects involving maritime exploration, based on figures on the Hamilton web site. From investigating life forms at different levels of a lake to types of reeds in a local pond, the research vessel could potentially be beneficial to all these projects. Domack is open to others sharing the boat. "If ecolgy or someone wants to take it out, that's fine," he says. "That's what it's there for." With its vast capabilities and convenient location, it seems likely that future research projects will find many more uses for Hamilton's new research vessel. Anchors away!

Did You Know That?

Wacky Facts: Are You "Eco-Savvy?"

by Tara Apo '10
Science and Technology Writer

- ***Every day, American businesses generate enough paper to circle the earth 20 times***
- ***The energy saved from recycling one aluminum can is enough to run a TV set for 3 hours and a 100 watt light bulb for 4 hours, and is equivalent to one half a can of gasoline.***
- ***Americans throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial fleet of airplanes every three months.***
- ***There are more roads in our National Forests than the entire U.S. Interstate Highway system***
- ***Doctors attribute 50,000 American deaths per year to airborne particulate matter, about one-third of which comes from power plants***
- ***Breathing air in Southern California may reduce one's life expectancy by one to two years.***
- ***The EPA reports that 90 million citizens breathe air below minimum quality standards***
- ***Solar collectors covering less than half of Nevada could supply all of the United States' energy needs.***
- ***Western Texas has sufficient wind capacity to generate 40% of all the United States electrical needs.***
- ***Five recycled two-liter PETE bottles can be used to make one square foot of carpet.***
- ***Every Sunday, Americans waste 90% of recyclable newspapers, which, if recycled would save 550,000 trees, about 26 million trees per year***
- ***One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year.***
- ***The lung damage caused by ozone exposure may be likened to the lung damage caused by cigarette smoking.***
- ***Pollutant levels inside vehicles may be ten times higher than in ambient air.***
- ***The natural rotation of the Earth has been altered slightly by the 10 trillion tons of water stored in reservoirs over the past 40 years.***
- ***The minimum amount of water needed daily for drinking and cooking, bathing and sanitation is thirteen gallons. The average person in the United States uses between 65-78 gallons per day for drinking, cooking bathing, and watering the yard.***
- ***Only one percent of the world's water supply is usable; 97 percent is in the ocean and two percent is frozen.***
- ***About one percent of U.S. landfill space is full of disposable diapers, which take 500 years to decompose.***
- ***Every day over 40,000 children die from preventable diseases.***

SCI & TECH EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCT. 26:
Eugene Domack, Department of Geosciences, Hamilton College
"New Advances in Radiocarbon Dating: Progressive Pyrrolysis of Bulk Organic Matter"
2:45 p.m. SCCT 3024
Refreshments available

FRIDAY, OCT 26:
HEAG (Hamilton Environmental Action Group) Meeting
7:00 p.m. Little Pub

MONDAY, OCT. 29:
Dr. Richard Goldsby, Department of Biology, Amherst College
"Human Antibodies from cloned human artificial chromosome transgenic cattle"
4:00 p.m. SCCT 2017
Refreshments available

MONDAY, OCT. 29:
Hamilton Diversity and Social Justice Project Alumni Panel: "Health Matters"
Jeff Long '05: Analyst, Revolution Health
Alison Lin '03: Research Associate, Mailman School of Public Health
Josier Collier '97: Counseling Consultant, Washington University Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente
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Geek Logik by Garth Sundem

by Kate Tumarello '11
Science & Technology Editor

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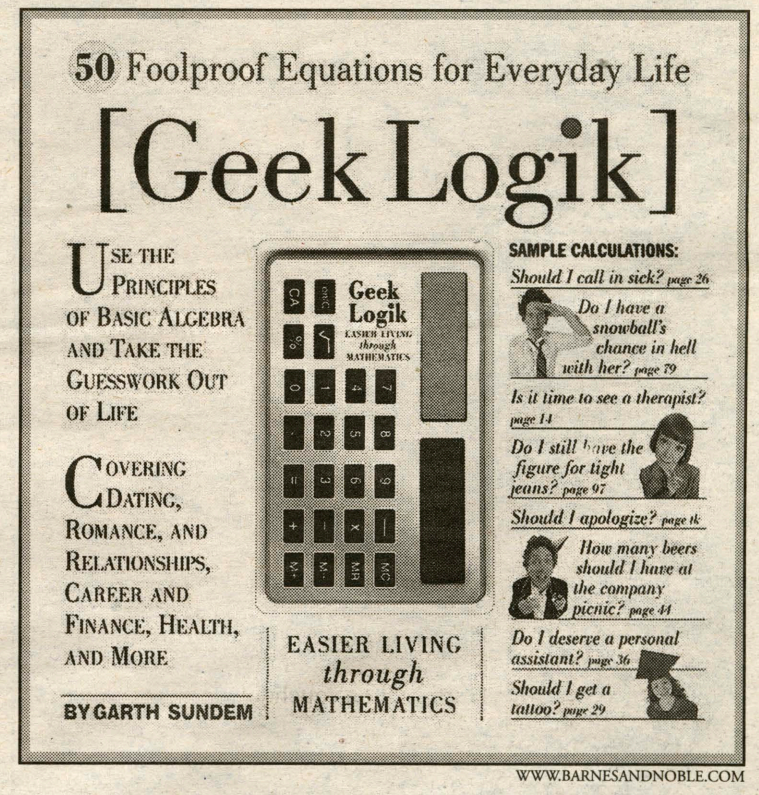
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"Do you feel out of touch with the world around you? Do you wish there were clear-cut answers to life's messy, everyday questions?"

I am not at all afraid to proclaim my love for all things geeky. There is little that excites me more than having some mathematical reasoning to back up my decisions. I've always made pro-con lists, but have never been able to assign quantitative value to my choices. There was an element of mathematical reasoning missing from my life. If you feel as though you too are missing this mathematical reasoning, I have found the book and website for you.

The book, written by Garth Sundem, is *Geek Logik*. *Geek Logik* gives and explains an equation for almost every decision you will ever be faced with, and many you will probably never be faced with. Ever wonder if you should get a tattoo? Sundem will use his intricate and fascinating mathematical reasoning to "take the guesswork out of life." By simply inserting certain numbers into his equations, you'll find an answer to some of life's most puzzling questions. Wondering if you should take the day off from work, or if you have a chance with that girl you've been thinking about? Sundem gives his audience the equations to answer these questions and many more in his book. It even comes with a handy calculator built into the cover to assist you with all the calculations you will be compelled to figure out.

Sundem's website, both the old version and the new one, are equally enthralling. At geeklogik.blogspot.com and scientificblogging.com/garth_sundem you can find new equations that Sundem has invented since the 2006 release of *Geek Logik*. The most recent entries include "No Limit Poker: The Bluff Calculator," which tells you whether or not to bluff, and the freakishly accurate "Will We Invade Country X?"

The latter is a seemingly ridiculous equation based on variables such as the country's GDP, the barrels per day of oil exports in millions, and the number of results in thousands that Google produces when "sanctions with (insert country name here)" is searched. Along with the equation for "Will We Invade Country X?" there is a chart that displays the products of the equation when applied to various countries. His equation correctly identifies Iraq, Afghanistan, Cuba, Bosnia, and Somalia as countries we are likely to invade and, in fact, already have. If his mathematical skills can so accurately, though retroactively, predict something like this, imagine how dead on his equation will be when you try to calculate whether or not you should join a gym or apologize.

Along with the new equations listed on his site, there are the books he recommends his fans read, or "more good geek books." The list includes *Freakonomics*, a book I also happen to love and would recommend to everyone. Others books that appear on both Sunder's list and mine are *Blink*, *The World Is Flat*, and *The Wisdom of Crowds*. He also explains his approach and methodology on his website and claims that his goal is to use "shoot-from-the-hip math" to "match common sense, and hopefully provide a laugh."

It seems he's managed to do so. Though it seems odd at first, it is true that he has used algebra and reasoning to provide his audience with both answers to their questions and reasons to laugh. Take it from a Cornell graduate to invent equations about whether or not you should quit your job. While his geek-like qualities might imply an education in math or science, he majored in music at Cornell and was a musician/composer/conductor before he went on to write for magazines and eventually books. *Geek Logic* is his most mainstream book and was followed by *Doggy Dung Disaster* which is, surprisingly enough, a non-fiction book about young heroes from all over the world. Though I haven't read *Doggy Dung Disaster*, I urge you to give it a chance despite its unusual title. If it is half as compelling as *Geek Logik*, I'm sure it's a book worth checking out.

I actually recently ordered *Geek Logik* from Amazon.com for a friend for his birthday. After retrieving the package from the mail center and making my way back down the hill, I immediately showed it to all of my friends here. They all reached for their calculators as they tried to figure out which members of the group would be soccer moms and whether or not they should pass on gossip. When my friend received it for his birthday he started punching numbers into the convenient calculator to see if he should see a therapist.

But these equations go far beyond entertaining just college students. Later in life we can use them to figure out the number of beers to have at a company picnic or whether or not I deserve a personal assistant. While the equations may seem silly and require more math than necessary, it's nice to know that Sundem's algebra supports my decisions.

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~KEN JENKINS

SPORTS

Football Team Collects First Win of the Season

by Tim Eismeier '10
Sports Writer

The Hamilton College Football Team, coming off three straight losses, got their first win of the season last Saturday, defeating Bowdoin College 23-17 on the road. The Continentals dominated on both sides of the ball, but it was quarterback Dan Hood '08 who stole the show.

In the first three games of the season, Head Coach Steve Stetson implemented a three-man quarterback rotation of Hood, Ben Saccomano '09 and Ben Tomaszewski '10. In this game, however, Hood was the lone quarterback, throwing for a career-high 352 yards and two touchdowns; the same number of touchdown passes that Hamilton quarterbacks had thrown in the previous three games combined. Hood spread the ball around, completing 65 percent of his passes to eight different receivers.

Wide receiver Max Foster '10 also had a career day, notching seven receptions for 125 yards. Touchdown receptions came from Tomaszewski and Scott Kleinklaus '11. Mark Snickenberger '11 led all rushers with 79 yards on 24 attempts. Joe Rinaldo '08 rushed for 23 yards and a touchdown and George Taylor '11 successfully kicked Hamilton's first field goal since 2005. The offensive line played particularly solid, giving up only one sack, as opposed to the fourteen sacks it had given up in the first three games.

The defense put up a strong performance, holding Bowdoin to just 260 total yards of total offense. Linebacker Brian O'Malley '10 had a standout game with seven tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble that set up a Hamilton touchdown. Other notable performances came from linebackers Nick Rockwell '08 with seven tackles and John Lawrence '10 with six. Will Finan '10 intercepted his second pass of the season.

Overall, the Continentals are moving in the right direction, playing with a much improved offense. Hamilton has already scored more points than it did all of last season, and is on pace to eclipse its total passing and rushing yardage from 2006. The defense is still in need of improvement. The Continentals are in the middle of the pack in terms of total defense, raking fifth in the NESCAC. This is misleading, however, as the team ranks first in the NESCAC in rushing defense and last in passing defense. The secondary improved last week, giving up 193 passing yards.

This weekend the Continentals will take on struggling Colby. The White Mules, tied for last place in NESCAC with Bates, will come to Clinton in search of their first win of the season. It has been a struggle on both sides of the ball for the team, who has been outscored 112 to 27 this season. Colby has only averaged 228.2 yards per game, which is good enough for last place in the NESCAC. In fact, Colby has not scored at all in the past two games.

Hamilton will look to bring this current momentum back home with them this weekend, after two road games in a row. The home game will be played at 12:00 p.m. on Steuben Field.

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The offensive line has improved in many areas allowing the quarterback to have time in the pocket.

The Man, the Myth, the Legend

by Jared Leslie '09
Sports Writer

Brett Favre once stated, "Life deals you a lot of lessons, some people learn from it, some people don't." Favre is one of the greatest quarterbacks to play in the National Football League. He recently broke Dan Marino's record for the most touchdown passes thrown ever with 420. However, the Favre story starts many years earlier in the small town of Kiln, Mississippi.

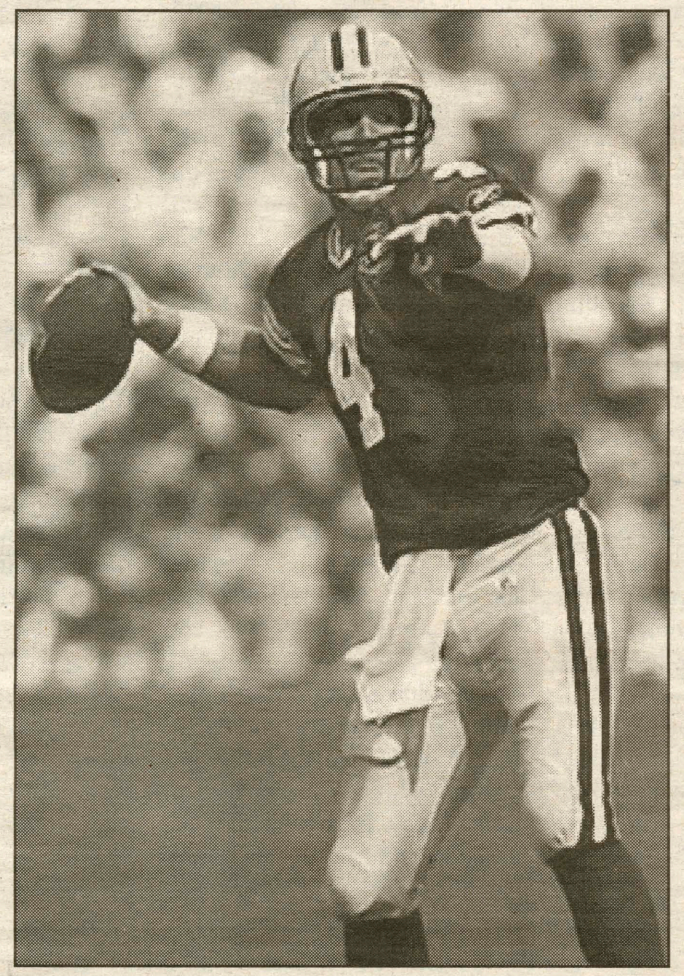
Brett played football for Hancock North Central High School, and played many positions including: quarterback, lineman, strong safety, place kicker and punter. Under the tutelage of his father, he received a single offer to continue playing football at Southern Mississippi University. During the second half of his third collegiate game Brett went in and threw for two touchdowns for a come from behind win against Tulane. Before the start of Favre's senior year at Southern Mississippi in July, he was in a near fatal accident and doctors had to remove 30 inches of his small intestine.

In 1991, the Atlanta Falcons drafted Brett Favre in the second round, but was traded a year later to the Green Bay Packers.

From then on Brett's career began to skyrocket. At the physical after the trade, Brett Favre was diagnosed with avascular necrosis, which is the same degenerative hip disease that ended Bo Jackson's career. Favre has 261 consecutive starts despite the injury.

On Dec. 22, 2003 Brett Favre played a game that many commentators and analysts called 'one of the best games ever played by a single player.' The night before Brett Favre's father suffered a massive heart attack and was pronounced dead at the hospital. Brett Favre's shining moment came as he threw four touchdowns and had 399 total yards leading the Packers to a 41-7 win over the Raiders. Brett has been selected to play in the Pro Bowl eight times, named to the '90's All-Decade team and holds over 10 NFL records.

Brett Favre at the age of 37 is one of the greatest men to play football. Nnobody knows how long it will be until Favre throws in the towel, but it will be the day when the NFL loses a great quarterback that many fans and all teams respect.



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SPECTATOR SPORTS

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Kosgei Continues to Lead Cross Country to Success

by Kate Greenough '09
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As the sun bore down on the grassy Hamilton cross-country course, all eyes were on sophomore Peter Kosgei. Struggling in temperatures over eighty degrees, Kosgei led the pack of 106 runners, tailgating Queen's University superstar, Braden Novakowski '08. Novakowski and the Queen's team traveled from Canada to match up with the Continentals, and Novakowski himself, a nationally ranked runner, put his endurance and reputation on the line, challenging Kosgei for mastery of the Hamilton course.

Kosgei aptly paced himself to Novakowski's stride, their four, sinewy legs moving as if they were of the same entity. Finally, in the last stretch of the 8,000 meter course, Kosgei kicked using every ounce of energy to sprint to the finish, leaving Novakowski in the dust and taking the tape in a time of 25:22.9, a personal best and school record.

The victory was Kosgei's fifth of the season, and the NCAA Division III champion has yet to find a course, competitor or climate who can break his stride. On September 29 Kosgei won the Liberty League.

Only a week before, Kosgei captured first place at the Williams College Invitational, edging out 2005 NCAA Division III cross country champion, Neal Holtschulte, by two seconds. With the season coming to a close, Peter is an obvious contender for the NCAA crown at the NCAA Division III meet at Van Courtland Park in New York City, and his efforts will be put largely toward training for the meet.

Peter Kosgei set the pace for the 2007 fall season, and his team members are making great strides as well. Brad Vollkommer '08 and Alan Guiney '08, team tri-captains with Will Bartholomew '08, have consistently been in the top five finishers for Hamilton throughout the season. In the Invitational meet, Guiney took fifteenth place, rounding out the top five Hamilton runners, with a time of 27:59.8. Scott Bickard '11, a promising addition to the team, took eighth for Hamilton, making him the second Continental runner across the line. In addition to the powerful, albeit small, senior class, Will Reid '10 and Devon Lynch '11 have helped Hamilton beat out competition.

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Peter Kosgei '10 has won all five of his races so far this season.

The Hamilton women, who have finished in the top three teams throughout most of the season, count on a concerted effort and stellar individuals to face worthy competition. Meredith Fitzpatrick '11 paced the Continentals at the Invitational meet, ending up in eighth place out of 113 runners on the 5,000 meter course with a time of 18:44.8. Her finish gave her the sixth fastest time in the home course record book.

Fitzpatrick credited her success to strong team dynamic and Coach Ellen Hull's practical training strategies. "Coach Hull has had us doing a variety of workouts. We have run repeats on the track, sprints on the golf course, as well as some slower, easier runs on and off campus," Fitzpatrick said. Strategic training has been paying off for other team members as well—team captain Becky Mackenzie '08 has consistently finished in the top two Hamilton slots, capturing twenty-first place at the Hamilton Invitational with 19:40.3. Gen Flanders '09 crossed the line in twenty-eighth with a time of 19:52.6 and Katy Lafen '10 rounded out the top five in thirty-first place with a time of 20:02.5. Hamilton placed third with 93 total points, behind Ithaca College in second place, with 45 points, and Queen's University in first with 21 points.

This Saturday, the men and women's teams travel to Rennslear's Saratoga Invitational to face Liberty League competition in their last regular season meet. This meet will provide a great chance for the Continentals to get ready for the upcoming NESCAC Championships.

This Weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 10/19:
Field Hockey @ Skidmore
Volleyball @ Skidmore
Tennis (W) NYSWCAA Championships

Saturday 10/20:
Crew (W) Head of the Charles
Crew (M) Head of the Charles
Volleyball v. St. Michael's @ Skidmore
Cross Country (M) @ Saratoga Invitational
Cross Country (W) @ Saratoga Invitational
Football v. Colby
Field Hockey @ Union
Soccer (W) v. St. Lawrence
Soccer (M) @ St. Lawrence

Go Blue!

Golf Team Gets the Job Done

Hamilton Finishes Fourth to Qualify for Championships

by Andrew Harris '11
Sports Writer

With only a few weeks of warm weather left in the Northeast, the Men's Golf Team looked to punctuate their season with a strong showing at their final two tournaments; the NESCAC Qualifying tournament and the Hamilton Fall Invitational.

The NESCAC Qualifying tournament, played at The Skenendoa Club on September 29 and 30, featured the top competition from the NESCAC, as the teams fought for four coveted spots. The top four finishers in the tournament advanced to the NESCAC Championships in the spring, with the winner of that going on to the NCAA Championships. Since Hamilton hosted this year's iteration of the qualifier, the squad looked to be in good position to place in the top four.

On the first day, Hamilton finished in third place, with Brad Roche '11 pacing the team with an impressive 73. Following Roche, Jeff Corbett' 09 fired a 76, with Mike Hayes '08 and Dave Christie '09 both scoring 79s.

On day two, Hamilton continued its hot play, as the team qualified for next spring's tournament by placing fourth out of ten teams. Roche continued his strong play, posting a 75, which put him at second place individually for the event. Corbett finished in a tie for ninth after scoring 77 on the second day, and Hayes and Christie came in at twenty-third and twenty-fourth, respectively. Phil Preiss '10, rounded out the team's score by finishing in a tie for thirty-fourth. Trinity College placed first in the tournament, and earned the right to host the spring tournament. Middlebury College and Williams College will also compete in the spring tournament as they came in second and third place, respectively.

After keeping alive their hopes of playing in the NCAA Tournament this year, the team received some more good news last week. Near the end of the season, the NESCAC released its seasonal awards, including First Team, Second Team, and Rookie of the Year.

Roche picked up the Rookie of the Year Award, primarily for his performance at the NESCAC Championship where he beat all of his fellow freshmen competitors. In addition to this honor, Roche was selected to the NESCAC All Conference First Team. Corbett was selected to the NESCAC All Conference Second Team. Hamilton was able to collect two of the 14 spots available on the all-conference list and these accolades serve as a testament to the team's consistency throughout the year, and their balance as a team.

The squad concluded its successful season with the Hamilton Fall Invitational, hosted at Seven Oaks Golf Club. Corbett paced Hamilton this time, finishing with a two day total of 152, good enough for fourteenth out of 68 golfers. Dan Treichler '08 came in one shot above Corbett, and Kevin Osborne '09, carded a 160 to put him in forty-eighth place.

Hayes and Roche both had tough weekends, firing 166s to put them in a tie for sixty-first overall, and the team finished in eleventh out of the 12 teams present. Skidmore, a nationally ranked team, took home the title, and was nineteen strokes ahead of second place SUNY Delhi.

With the season now over, the team is looking forward to a strong spring campaign, especially the NCAA qualifier. The team opens its season in March in Florida, which should be a good chance to test its strength against teams outside of the Northeast. If Roche and Corbett are able to continue their great play in the spring, Hamilton has a good shot at challenging last year's NESCAC winner, Middlebury. With all of the time off until March, the team will have to find a way to set time aside for practice rounds, where the players will be able to simulate their spring matches.